

The Inevitable Encounter—"Prepare To Meet God"

By Wayne Dehoney, President
Southern Baptist Convention

This sermon was preached by Dr. Dehoney at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., on Sunday, August 1, 1965.

Text: "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: ... prepare to meet thy God."—Amos 4:12

Current and personal events of this past week compel me to speak this morning upon the subject—THE INEVITABLE ENCOUNTER, and the words of Amos, "prepare to meet thy God."

Last Wednesday our President appeared before the nation. After days of consultation with Congressional and military leaders, he reported on the situation in Viet Nam. He declared a clear policy for the immediate future. He doubled the monthly draft quota. He announced that 50,000 more troops would be thrown into the battle where we already have 75,000 committed. But he did not call up the Reserves, or activate the National Guard. He did not initiate a rationing system to conserve military resources, nor did he mobilize industry. He also launched a new peace

offensive in four steps. These steps are now being carried out to bring pressure upon the U.N. and committing our nation unconditionally to negotiations through the United Nations.

And so what happened? When the President had finished his announcement we all breathed a sigh of relief! We said "the war has been averted." The Reserves breathed a sigh of relief! The stock market rallied. The war scare is over. So it is back to business as usual!

Last Thursday I spent the afternoon with Billy Graham at his home in the mountains in North Carolina. We sat in rocking chairs on his back porch and talked about many things—the denomination, world evangelism, personal affairs. But brooding over our conversation was a shadow—a shadow of great urgency and concern. For Billy said, "Wayne, I have been with the President in these recent days of crisis. I have sat in the conferences. I have heard reports from the military and from intelligence. The President's action means we have drawn the line with communism. What we know is an inevitable encounter, with communism, some day, somewhere, we have decided must take place now in southeast Asia. The

President has committed the country, drawn the line, and we will stand here and fight.

"The battle against communism now is really with Red China. Where Russia stands in this picture at this time is not clear. Some predict that when this battle-line is finally drawn we will find Russia casting her lot with the West! Why?

"First, we now know that Red China not only has the bomb but she has a far more sophisticated bomb than reported publicly. Her rocket system is developing rapidly." (I clipped from this morning's front page this article that reports Red China has exploded another test bomb.) "Intelligence reports state that China has a number of brilliant capable scientists. In five years at the most, (perhaps sooner) Red China will have a rocket system with nuclear warheads aimed at and able to deliver a nuclear bomb at every population center in the United States.

"Second, there is no known defense against attack. We talk much about anti-rocket weapons but there is actually no defense against them.

"Third, through intelligence and through public pronouncement we know that Red China is commencing to implement war the page 5)

Hospitals Take Policy Actions

ATLANTA (BP)—Directors of Southern Baptist Hospitals voted, here to prohibit either of its two hospitals from applying for federal funds in Hospital operations.

Southern Baptist Hospitals is the agency operating southern Baptist Convention-owned hospitals in New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla.

At issue was form 441 of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The form specifies that the institutions would be "applicants" as beneficiaries for

reimbursement for the care of patients under federally assisted health and welfare programs.

Directors cited the church-relatedness of the two hospitals as basic to their action. Fear was also expressed that signing form 441 would introduce the federal government "as an active partner in the operation of the hospitals," neither of which has sought or used federal funds in building program, according to T. Sloane Guy Jr., New Orleans, executive director.

Form 441 is related to implementing the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Because of this fact, the directors "explicitly fixed" responsibility for "full compliance with the law" outlawing racial discrimination in operational and employment policies upon Guy, the executive director.

Guy reported on steps already taken and in progress on this matter. He was instructed to report to the next meeting of the Southern Baptist executive committee. He will also confer with Health, Education and Welfare officials to seek an alternative course for the hospitals.

The SBC hospital agency approved a basic plan of reorganization, stemming from a management survey. Most significant change foreseeable, Guy pointed out, is creating four subsidiary corporations under the original corporation.

Each of the two hospitals will achieve subsidiary status. The hospital's foundation, Bethesda Foundation, will be chartered in Florida as well as in Louisiana. The plan envisions a staff of specialists to serve both institutions.

Graham's Condition Good After Surgery

By The Baptist Press
Evangelist Billy Graham, recovering from minor prostate gland surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., was forced to cancel speaking engagements at two Texas Baptist schools and an evangelistic crusade in Waco, Tex.

Graham cancelled his (Continued on page 2)

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NEW SEMESTER— Colleges Break Enrollment Records

Opening week registration at Mississippi Baptist educational institutions has broken all records, and is expected to go even higher.

On Monday morning, September 20, the total enrollment at the four colleges had reached 3297, and many more will be added to this before the first semester enrollment is closed in the next few days.

In addition to this college enrollment, the Gilfoy School of Nursing in Jackson, which began its new term on September 1, had enrolled 194, bringing the overall total, in the five institutions, to 3431.

Mississippi College at Clinton, oldest institution of Mississippi Baptists, led the way with a total of 1835 students,

which is already more than the total enrolled for the first semester last year. The number for this semester is expected to pass 1900 within the next few days. This will be a 4% increase over last year. (Continued on page 2)

Oklahoma City First Receives Negro Member

OKLAHOMA CITY — The first Negro member ever accepted at First Baptist Church here was received by standing vote of the membership Wednesday night (Sept. 15).

Mrs. John Henderson, a 66-year old retired school teacher, was accepted for membership by transfer of letter from Calvary Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. Mrs. Henderson presented herself to the church for membership Sept. 5.

In explaining church action, Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, vice president of the Baptist World Alliance and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said, "All prospective members present themselves and then are referred to a membership committee. The committee reports back on the matter on Wednesday nights and the congregation votes. This has been the procedure for all new members since January 1, 1964.

"Mrs. Henderson is the first Negro to apply for membership since the 1964 procedure. (Continued on page 2)

S. C. Board In Special Meeting

COLUMBIA, S. C. — The executive committee of the general board of South Carolina Baptist Convention has called a special meeting of the general board for Thursday September 30 at 10 a. m. at Park Street Baptist Church here.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather and exchange information on the question of federal aid to higher education. It is expected that this information will help the general board to formulate a recommendation for the convention which meets in Greenville, November 16-18.

The executive committee is inviting representatives from all of the Baptist colleges to be present, and Furman University to state its position.



A.S.A. COMMITTEE—The Audit, Budget and Allocations Committee of the Convention Board met Tuesday of last week at the Baptist Building in Jackson for the purpose of hearing requests from the convention's agencies and preparing the 1965-66 Cooperative Program budget to present to the Convention Board for consideration. From left, seated: Dr. Earl Kelly, Holly Springs, convention president; Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, Brookhaven, committee chairman; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer; A. L. Nelson, business manager; Lacey Hodges, Yazoo City. Standing: Rev. John W. Green, Winona; Rev. O. B. Beverly, Woodville, and Dr. T. R. McKibbens, Laurel, board president.

STATE NATIVE PROMOTED— HMB Enlarges Work

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptists took another administrative move toward more intensive missions to language groups within the United States, and appointed five new missionaries and four associate missionaries. The number under appointment now totals 2,515.

The Home Mission Board asked L. D. Wood of Panama to become assistant secretary of its language missions department effective Jan. 1.

Wood, who has been superintendent of missions in the Republic of Panama since 1960, will work with Baptist state conventions in the Southeast and in Cuba, Panama, and Puerto Rico.

Lloyd Corder of Atlanta, secretary of the department, said, "The election of Wood to this position was prompted by increased demands on the department in the area of administration and by a desire for closer relationship to the work in the states and the outposts."

The mission agency, through the language department, cooperates in the employment of more than 1,200 missionaries and the use of more than \$24 million annually in working with the 35 million language-connected persons. (Continued on page 2)

'Concern' Committee Marks Anniversary

The Mississippi inter-faith Committee of Concern observed its first anniversary on Sept. 9 and Dr. Wm. P. Davis, chairman, has issued a summary report of its first year of service.

The committee was formed on Sept. 9, 1964 "to help rebuild the burned Negro churches of the state and to build bridges for better human relations," Dr. Davis said.

The committee has collected \$119,257.65 and \$104,435.04 of it has been allocated to the task, with most of it already spent, he continued.

Twenty-nine churches have been rebuilt and 22 of them have already been dedicated. Five churches yet remain in ashes. Five churches are under construction and should be completed by Nov. 1.

Dr. Davis declared that the committee still needs \$45,000 to help complete the task and those making contributions are asked to send them to the Committee of Concern, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

The chairman said that an estimated \$125,000 in donated labor, furniture, fixtures, supplies and discounts had been received in addition to the cash contributions.

Many Helped
The congregations and communities have helped, he added. The Committee of Concern is composed of Mississippi White and Negro religious leaders, both clergymen and laymen.

Chairman of the executive committee is Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass of the Jackson area of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Davis said that while many people have helped in many ways, he wanted to recognize the special assistance rendered by the Mennonites and Quakers, under direction of Lawrence Scott of Philadelphia, Pa.

Denver Crusade Draws 275,000

DENVER, Colo. — Over 275,000 people from as far away as Los Angeles, Calif., and Nashville, Tenn., came to Bears Stadium here during the ten-day Billy Graham Colorado Crusade. Over 10,000 of them made decisions for Christ.

Approximately 35,000 over- (Continued on page 2)



M. Lee Ferrell

State Worker Resigns Position

M. Lee Ferrell, associate in the Brotherhood Department of the State Convention Board, has resigned, effective Sept. 17, to become associate pastor and youth director of Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer said that Mr. Ferrell had been associate in the department in charge of Royal Ambassador work for the past seven years.

Mr. Ferrell came to the state Baptist post from the Capitol Heights Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., where he was minister of education.

He is a native of Greenville and is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

From 1952-53 he was youth director and counselor at the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson. During the past few years he has led conferences in several states and at both Southern Baptist assemblies, in Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M.

Rev. Elmer Howell, secretary of the Brotherhood Department, said that Mr. Ferrell had made a substantial contribution to Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work during the past several years.

Missionaries In Pakistan Safe

"All safe here," Rev. W. Trueman Moore, Southern Baptist Missionary to East Pakistan, cabled the Foreign Mission Board September 8. But future developments and long-range effects of the war between Pakistan and India are "anybody's guess," said Dr. Winston Crawley, the (Continued on page 2)

CLEAN-UP TASK TO CONTINUE AT GULF SHORE



THREE MEN FROM PASCAGOULA were first to arrive and Rev. Tom Douglas, manager (at left) shows the men some of the debris piled up outside the "exit" end of cafeteria. The men are: Perry Little, J. B. Duncan and John Ryan.

"Operation Clean-Up," begun in a very fine way Saturday of last week at Gulf-shore Baptist Assembly, will continue for several weeks until completed, it has been announced by Rev. Tom Douglas, manager.

"Clean - Up Day" was observed Saturday when two score Baptists descended on the assembly from several churches in central and south Mississippi.

They went in response to an appeal for volunteers issued by the assembly manager who declared that the facility had begun to take on a new look as result of Saturday's beginning.

Saturday's volunteers included men, women and young people and they included people from as far north as Jackson.

In the future volunteers are asked to come any day they can, especially on Saturdays. Mr. Douglas said, and added (Continued on page 3)

Chandler Clover Administrator Doctors Hospital

Chandler Clover has been selected administrator of Doctors Hospital of Jackson, it was announced by Dr. Willard Boggan, president of the hospital's board of directors.

Clover is assistant administrator of Mississippi Baptist Hospital where he has played a major role in the recent growth and physical development of the hospital and long-range plans for construction.

He will assume duties on November 1 with Doctors Hospital which is scheduled to open in early 1966.

Doctors Hospital is a privately owned general hospital.

Clover is a native of Louisiana and lived in Alexandria before moving to Jackson 10 years ago to become associated with the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. He is a graduate of Louisiana (Baptist) College.

He is a deacon and youth leader at First Church, Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clover are the parents of two daughters—Chan, a fourth grader, and Jane, 10 months.

Graham's . . .

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"Heart O' Texas" Crusade slated Oct. 1-3 at Baylor University Stadium in Waco, a speaking engagement on the Baylor campus, and a dedication dinner engagement at the New Dallas Baptist College, Dallas, Tex.

Graham was taken back to surgery a few days after his first operation because of hemorrhaging. He was expected to remain hospitalized for another three or four days. Attending physicians said his condition was good.

Missionaries . . .

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Board's secretary for the Oriental field of evangelism.

"Though our missionaries are far from the main fighting area, there have been suggestions of possible evacuation of American citizens even from East Pakistan," Dr. Crawley said. "We are exploring this question with our missionaries, and it is possible that I may make a trip there to evaluate the situation."

"Whatever may be the immediate outcome of the fighting, political developments that will follow can very easily affect the extent of our opportunity in both Pakistan and India, either favorably or unfavorably. We cannot know in advance what will come, but we can pray that the result will be favorable for the spread of the gospel."

Southern Baptist missionaries are stationed in four cities in East Pakistan.

Four missionaries now on furlough in the States and three recently appointed missionaries who have not yet gone to Pakistan complete the Southern Baptist missionary staff of the country.

Denver Crusade . . .

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flowed the stadium on the closing Sunday, with some 9,000 of them sitting on the grass in the outfield. Despite a cold, hard rain, most of them stayed to hear Graham tell that Jesus Christ is coming to this earth a second time.

Among those making decisions were six teenagers—four boys and two girls—who earlier had beaten and robbed a visiting youth director from Canada. Instead of pressing charges, the victim asked the police to see that the juveniles went to the youth night crusade meetings. On their first night—when Bill Glass, defensive end for the Cleveland Browns, gave his testimony—all six went forward to receive Christ.

Three of the Denver meetings were taped for showing on nationwide television the following week. It was the second television crusade for Graham this year, and it was seen on nearly 300 stations. It was one of the largest independent networks ever put together for any event outside of a presidential news conference or a national emergency.



HINDS COUNTY ASSOCIATION dedicated the buildings shown above on Sunday afternoon, September 19.

Hinds County Dedicates Office, Chapel

Formal opening and dedication of new office and chapel buildings of Hinds County Association took place at 802 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, on Sunday afternoon, September 19, at 2 p.m. Open house followed, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Participants in the dedication ceremony included Rev. Henry J. Bennett, Byram pastor, moderator of Hinds Association; Dr. J. Clark

Hensley, Jackson, superintendent of missions, Hinds Association; Rev. Harold St. Gemme, Jackson, associate and director of student work, Hinds Association; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Church, Jackson, chairman of the Executive Committee, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Rev. Fred Tarpley, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, and former superintendent of missions for Hinds Association; Cecil Har-

per, minister of music, First Church, Jackson; and Miss Grace Lovelace, Clinton, office secretary, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The buildings complete a tri-plex with the Student Center at the rear center, the office building on the left, and the chapel-conference room on the right. An asphalt parking area for thirty cars is located on the back of the lot.

The former Llewellyn Brown home was remodeled for the Student Center and the other buildings are newly constructed. The Building Committee was composed of Fred Tarpley, Chairman; L. J. Beasley, Terry; Rev. James Buie, pastor, Woodville Heights, Jackson; and Ed Blake, Pochontas. Dean and Purcell were architects, and M. A. Newman was building contractor. Bond financing of \$125,000 was completed through Church Building and Savings Association.

The association offices were formerly at 322 N. President St., Jackson, on property owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. This property is soon to be razed, looking toward construction of a new Mississippi Baptist Building.

Oklahoma City . . .

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dure was installed.

A Negro membership candidate was denied admittance in 1962. "We did not vote membership for the earlier (Negro) applicant because we felt he did not come for fellowship but for other purposes," explained Dr. Hobbs.

Hobbs made a statement to the board of deacons and then to the congregation. Upon the deacons' request giving her (Mrs. Henderson's) background and pointed out that she had come in keeping with our policy and that the fellowship committee had recommended her.

Left To Congregation
"I further pointed out that the New Testament is our rule of faith and practice. The decision was left to the congregation and was passed by a very sizeable majority, Dr. Hobbs concluded.

On the same Sunday, Mrs. Henderson applied for membership, a family of five asked that their membership be transferred to the First Baptist Church; and they were recommended by the membership committee with Mrs. Henderson.

During the business session, the family was accepted unanimously. However in Mrs. Henderson's case, when the voice vote was received the chairman of the board of deacons—then presiding—ruled it inconclusive and asked for a standing vote. When the count came, it was a 3 to 2 margin to accept Mrs. Henderson into the 5,800 member congregation.

Mrs. Reuther New Copywriter

NASHVILLE—Mrs. Rosann Reuther of Nashville recently joined the staff of the Sunday School board's Wholesale Advertising Department as a copywriter.

For the past year she was a copywriter for Radio Station WHMA, Anniston, Ala. She attended George Peabody College for teachers, Nashville, for three years.

Colleges Break . . .

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Every dormitory on the MC campus is packed to capacity, and many of the classes are expected to enroll the maximum number allowed. The freshman class is the largest in history, as well as total enrollment.

William Carey College at Hattiesburg reported that 720 full time students had enrolled by Monday morning, with more than 350 of them freshmen or new students. Enrollment was expected to pass 800 before the week ended.

The total enrollment at William Carey already is up 13% over last year, while the number of boarding students is up 25%. Since no new dormitories have been opened, the increase in students living on the campus was accomplished by putting three men to a room in many rooms, and by housing some of the men in the college hospital.

At Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, the enrollment reached 355, an increase of 11% over the previous semester. All available boarding space at the college is filled.

Clarke College, a two-year institution at Newton, report-

MC Team To Appear On "G. E. College Bowl"

A team of Mississippi College students will appear on the nationally televised "G. E. College Bowl" Sunday Oct. 3, it was announced by college officials.

The program, televised in color, will be seen in the Jackson area over WLBT, Channel 3, starting at 4:30 p. m. Stations in Hattiesburg, New Orleans, and Memphis will also carry the show.

Selection of Mississippi College to appear on the highly competitive question and answer game is a credit to its academic program. The Baptist-supported college becomes the first private college in the state to make an appearance on the show.

The University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University have been past participants.

Dr. Louis Dollarhide, chairman of the Division of Humanities and professor of English, has been named as coach of the Choctaw team.

The student team will be composed of four persons, plus one alternate. Named to represent the college in the oral examination of academic subjects were Altus Newell, Meridian, team captain; Thad Waite, Waynesboro; Larry Johnson, Jackson; and Rea Hederman, Jackson. William Stevens, Clinton, will serve as the alternate.

The all-male squad was selected after try-outs by a dozen students, both male and female. Selection was made on the basis of general academic knowledge and superiority in certain fields.

The Mississippi College team will be competing against either St. Francis College, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.; or Loyola University of Chicago. The game of Sept. 26 will decide their opponent.

St. Francis and Dickinson open the popular program's eighth season Sunday afternoon. St. Francis will be trying for its third straight

win, having won the last two games of the spring season.

The "G. E. College Bowl" is basically an entertaining information game which pits one college versus another in a "battle of wits." The two teams, each composed of four undergraduates, vie to answer first a question asked by the moderator, earning an allotted number of points for a correct answer.

At game's end, the team with the higher total is the winner and is permitted to return the following week to

meet a new challenger.

If a team wins five games, it receives a bonus grant of \$1,500, in addition to the \$1,500 gained by each victory and retires as an undefeated champion with \$9,000 in General Electric scholarship grants.

Eighteen of the 255 schools, which have appeared in the first 240 games have won the maximum five games and \$9,000 in grants. The 255 schools have shared General Electric scholarship grants totaling \$510,000.



TREE TOPPLES—Hurricane Betsy toppled this tree onto the religious education school building on the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Water poured in through the break caused by the impact and damaged several classrooms. More than 200 trees on the campus were uprooted or otherwise damaged, a seminary official reported. (BP) Photo



BETSY DID IT—A street looks more like a canal after Hurricane Betsy thrashed her way across the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Faculty homes and student apartments located on this street lost roofing and windows from the over 100 miles an hour winds as well as encountered flooding. In the foreground left is a 24-unit student apartment building under construction. (BP) Photo

State Churches Respond To Losses At New Orleans Seminary

NEW ORLEANS—Eleven Mississippi Baptist churches have contributed more than \$700 to aid hurricane Betsy disaster victims at New Orleans Seminary.

The gifts were received from churches in the Leake Association. Rev. Kenneth Roberts, pastor of First Church, Carthage, directed collection of the donations.

The 75-acre New Orleans Seminary campus suffered damage in the recent severe hurricane estimated at two million dollars, including \$250,000 in personal losses. A campus mobile home area, which contained many student-owned trailer homes, received the full blast of the winds.

Some trailers were completely demolished; several were turned over. The area was evacuated before the blast hit the mobile homes, and no serious injuries to anyone on campus were reported.

Major damage to roofing was sustained by falling trees. More than 200 trees on the heavily wooded campus were either uprooted or broken. Several large trees fell on buildings and faculty homes. Estimated damages to a recently renovated women's dormitory are \$250,000. Other damage was done by flooding in low campus areas.

Students and faculty re-

sponded immediately to the emergency needs of the campus and the city. In addition to forming campus work crews to clear debris blocking streets and building entrances, the seminary students and faculty did rescue work in flooded areas around the city. They also collected clothing and food for evacuation shelters and answered calls for assistance.

Turn To Campus Losses
"Students' personal losses were put aside in their efforts to help others who had been even harder hit," explained seminary president H. Leo Eddleman.

"Not that immediate needs in the city are being met, we can turn our attention to campus losses. The churches' gifts to the student hurricane relief fund are greatly appreciated and will be used to help replace mobile homes, student clothing and furniture ruined in the hurricane wind and waters."

Mississippi churches in Leake association who contributed to the emergency fund are the following: First, Mars Hill, Standing Pine, Pleasant Hill, Midway, Wiggins and Corinth churches, all of Carthage; and Lena church, Lena; Mt. Zion church, Freney; and Thomastown church, Thomastown.



DENVER, COLO.—An estimated 35,000 people attended the closing meeting of the Billy Graham Colorado Crusade in Bears Stadium on Sunday, Sept. 5. The 25,000-seat stadium had overflowed crowds almost every night, with a total attendance of 277,300 for ten days. Just over 10,000 inquirers responded to Dr. Graham's invitation.

Newton Accepts Nashville Post

NASHVILLE (BP)—James R. Newton of Dallas has been employed as assistant director of the Baptist Press, News Service of the Southern Baptist Convention, with offices here.

He will accept the new position Nov. 8, succeeding Theo Sommerkamp, who resigned.

Newton, 29, is a native of Kingsville, Tex. He has been with the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas since August, 1959. As press representative in the department, Newton has handled most of the news copy originating from the Dallas regional office of the Baptist Press.

In addition, he has been on the press room staff at the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention for the past five years. The press room is operated by the SBC executive committee's public relations office, of which Baptist Press News Service is a part.

Sommerkamp resigned the position he had held for 10 years to become the director of the European Baptist Press Service. For this purpose, he has received an appointment as a missionary associate with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He and his family will live in Ruschlikon, a suburb of Zurich, Switzerland.

Mrs. Newton is the former Pat Tullos of Clinton, Miss., who was formerly employed in the Baptist Building in Jackson and is well known to many Mississippians.

Students Attack Haifa Family

In Haifa, Israel, a Jewish Baptist, who represents an organization for promoting Christian witness among Jews, and his family have recently been persecuted for their faith, reports Dr. Dwight L. Baker, missionary to Israel.

The chief method has been harassment by yeshiva (orthodox Jewish) students, though members of the family were bodily attacked and slight damage was done to the house and furnishings. Dr. Baker says the students are members of the Torah Activists who attacked Christian institutions in Israel's three chief cities in September, 1963.

When local police refused to protect the molested family, an official of the United Christian Council in Israel informed the Department for Christian Affairs in the Ministry of Religion. After several days of inactivity the police took six students into custody.

Dr. Baker describes the delay of the police as unbelievable. "Their attitude has undoubtedly contributed to the high morale of the students, encouraging them to the point where they believed they could evict whom they would from their homes, and terrorize families with impunity," he says.

"If any group, so misguided as the Torah Activists, can violently destroy a man's home and family life because they do not agree with the way he expresses his faith, then the attack is not only against one man's family," Dr. Baker says. "It is an attack against every man's family in Israel whose approach to God is other than theirs. It is an attack against the foundations of Israel."

Off The Record

On his first visit to Austria, a Texan was being shown around a vast ranch. "Why, this would be just a teensy corner of my spread back home," he bragged.

When they arrived at where a huge herd of cattle were grazing, he commented, "Purty, but they'd get lost among my herd."

A kangaroo suddenly came up behind him and leaped by. The startled Texan exclaimed "What in tarnation was that?" His Australian host calmly answered, "You mean you do not have grasshoppers in Texas?"



GULFPORT CHURCH RESPONDS—The people of the Gulf Coast Area have responded in a wonderful way to needs of those made homeless by hurricane "Betsy". First Church, Gulfport, serving as a collection point, sent a truck and a pick-up loaded with clothing, bedding and food to New Orleans on Tuesday of last week and an additional truck load to the Bay St. Louis-Waveland area on Friday. People of Gulfport brought the material by the church. Dr. William G. Tanner, pastor of the church, is shown assisting in the loading operation. Floyd Pierce, driver, a deacon in First Church, Long Beach, and Clyde Thompson, building superintendent of the Gulfport church are on the truck, which was provided by Clyde E. Hicks, a member of First Church, Gulfport.

GULFSHORE CLEAN-UP

(Continued from page 1) that clean-up operations, in charge of Grady Blackwell, superintendent of maintenance, would continue every day.

The assembly property, severely damaged by Hurricane Betsy, will have to be completely cleaned up before other restoration operations can begin.



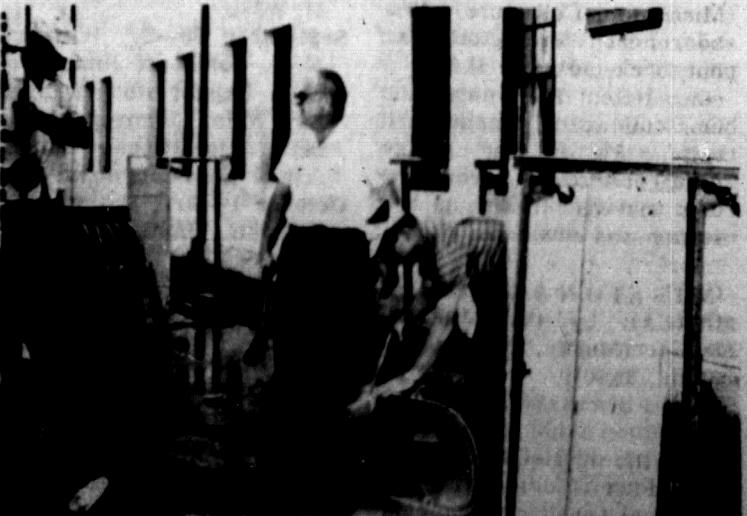
GRADY BLACKWELL (in black shirt) superintendent of the maintenance crew chats with one of the workers as they load a truck with debris.



A FATHER AND HIS SON, John Stephenson and John, Jr. from Gulfport clean up one of the bedrooms.



SEVERAL BEGIN clean-up of snack shop. Included in the group are Robert Compere and his son Reuben from Florence and Mrs. Grady Blackwell and Mrs. Walter McCraw of Pass Christian.



JACK ROBERTS (at left) and **A. L. Nelson**, both from Jackson are seen washing some of the fixtures salvaged from cafeteria.

Sumatra Baptists Form Church

The first church to grow out of Southern Baptist mission work on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia, was organized June 13 in Palembang, city of half a million. Of the 30 charter members, 24 came by baptism and six by letter. An Indonesian is pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Ancil B. Scull, missionaries in Palembang, expect Baptist work in southern Sumatra to soon include an experimental farm and an orphanage. "These projects, together with an itinerant riverboat medical clinic, could form a wonderful foundation from which to preach the gospel of Christ and serve the people of southern Sumatra," they say.

Mr. and Mrs. Scull moved to Palembang in the fall of 1961, the first Southern Baptist missionaries to live on the island. They soon had to leave because of health problems, but they returned in the fall of 1963.

In the meantime, other missionaries moved to Bukitittingi, in western Sumatra, where they are ministering through a Baptist medical clinic and an evangelistic program.

Argentine Team Launches Ecuador Crusade

Even the sound of a huge international jet liner in the immediate background could not drown out the words and music of "How Great Thou Art" as Ecuadorian Baptists joined Argentine tenor Francisco Bilbao in singing that hymn in the Quito airport.

Mr. Bilbao and Rev. Samuel O. Libert, evangelist—an Argentine Baptist evangelistic team—had just arrived to help kick off the nationwide Baptist evangelistic crusade being held in Ecuador August 21–September 15. The impromptu concert resulted when the more than 100 Quito Baptists who met them asked Mr. Bilbao to sing the first stanza of the popular hymn. They joined him in the chorus.

"It was a bit unusual for a welcoming ceremony in an airport lobby where ordinarily one hears laughter, cheerful chatter, and occasional speeches," says Rev. Stanley D. Stamps, Southern Baptist missionary in Ecuador. "It was more unusual for an evangelical group in a Latin American setting to make such a bold testimony. Other people waiting in the airport drew near to listen and watch with interested curiosity."

The Ecuadorian crusade is being held in six cities: Quito, Santo Domingo de los Colorados, Esmeraldas, Manta, Milagro, and Guayaquil. During the first week the Argentine team participated in mass rallies in public theaters and coliseums. Then preachers from Colombia and Venezuela came to conduct simultaneous revivals in all the Baptist churches and missions.

Very often the chip on an angry man's shoulder is just bark.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD 3

Manhattan Choir Records 'Music To Learn Music By'

NASHVILLE — In a large multipurpose building in the heart of New York City a group of musicians meets regularly for recording sessions.

Nothing is unusual about this except, perhaps, that they record music in Manhattan Baptist Church, which is a part of the building.

What really sets this group apart from all others is the fact that their recordings of church music are used as curriculum material by choir members and are not promoted in any way as a commercial product.

Who are these musicians? They are members of the adult choir of Manhattan church, a Southern Baptist church affiliated with the Baptist Convention of Maryland. They record the music section of "The Church Musician," monthly publication of the Sunday School Board's church music department.

The names of the choir members, the director and the soloists do not appear on the record labels, and they probably never will. The church music department feels that no individual or group should overshadow the real purpose of the recordings which is to aid choir members in learning music to sing in church.

Beryl A. Red, minister of music at Manhattan Baptist Church and formerly of Little Rock, Ark., directs the choir at the recording sessions. The recording choir is composed of about 12 or 13 singers from the volunteer church choir.

Although their occupations vary — music teacher, graduate music student, professional singer, music editor, housewife — the singers have a common interest in producing truly professional recordings to aid choir members. Most of them are "southern" Southern Baptists who have moved to New York.

Recording sessions are characterized by a "wonderful spirit of cooperation," according to Dr. J. William Thompson, editor of "The Church Musician." He said that the Manhattan church choir was chosen because of the members' depth of musical talent, the ability and experience of the director, and the cooperation and encouragement of the congregation and pastor, Dr. Maurice Fain. The excellent acoustics of the

church auditorium are unmatched for recording purposes.

Economy of operation and convenience were also factors in the choice of this choir. After the tapes are made, the recordings are manufactured in New York City and then sent to Nashville for distribution from the Sunday School Board.

A recording session usually lasts four hours. About one hour is programmed for each anthem, which includes discussion, rehearsal, run-through, correction and as many "takes" as necessary. Sessions to record music for a particular issue are held about eight months before the time of intended use.

The first series of sessions was held in January 1964 to produce the first set of three monthly recordings available Oct. 1, 1964. Many of the

singers who participated at that time continue to record with the group.

"Churches using these recordings are very enthusiastic about them," Dr. Thompson said. "Choir directors have found that by using them they can more readily appraise the music in each issue of 'The Church Musician.'"

"The recordings also help accompanists grasp the style of anthems to be rehearsed and performed. Choir members can learn their voice parts through repeated hearings of a recording at home."

Recordings of the music section of "The Church Musician" are available only on the Board's regular church literature order form. A package of three 7-inch 33 1/3 rpm recordings (one for each monthly issue) is mailed quarterly.

Plan Of A Lifetime

By Eugene Stockstill
Assistant to the President
Judson College

Getting The Most out of Your Estate Plan

Securities valued at \$60,000 have recently been transferred to Judson College according to the terms of the will of a long-time friend of the college. A similar bequest of \$30,000 has been turned over to the officers of the benefactor's church. Both bequests memorialize members of the family of the deceased.

Without these charitable sections in the estate, the executor would have paid taxes on all of the estate in excess of \$60,000. This means that the gift to the church and college actually cost the estate only a fraction of the \$60,000.

However, additional benefits during life could have been enjoyed by this generous friend through the creation of a "living trust" set up during her lifetime. Such a trust would have paid income to the benefactor for life and would have passed automatically to Judson and the church at her decease. Note the following added benefits had such a trust agreement been entered into when the benefactor was 65 years of age:

(1) An income tax deduction of about \$60,000 (under

present law, applicable over six tax years) or an even greater deduction spread over a number of years had the trust been built up gradually over several years.

(2) Reduced settlement costs for the estate.

(3) Securities in the trust could have been reinvested without being subject to capital gains tax—more income for the benefactor, larger legacies for Judson and the church.

(4) Management of the trust fund (including routine disbursements) by qualified and trained financial experts.

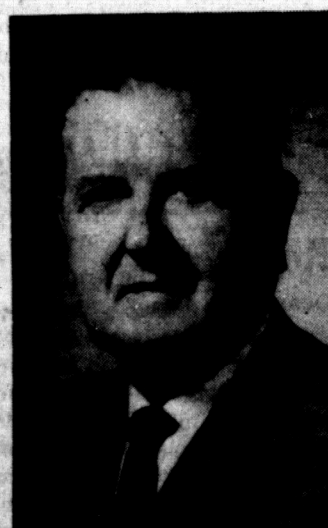
Would you like to be "tax-wise" too? Why not write for your copy of our new comprehensive booklet, "The Tax Discount on Educational Gifts" (Judson College, Marion, Ala. 36756). You might discover some gifts you don't need to make to the tax collector.

In planning your own estate, be sure to obtain competent professional advice and to consult college officials who will help you coordinate your own plans with those of the college.

Sin is a short word and it often makes short work of its victims.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1964-'65 REPORT

Amount in all funds June 30, 1965	\$2,402,487.96
Amount added during year ending June 30, 1965	\$ 187,309.00
Total amount of income for the year	\$ 129,500.00
Yield on Endowment Securities Pool	5.504%
Yield to participants on their fund balances including income on Profit & Loss Reserve	6.758%
(Example: A participant with \$1,000 in the Pool received	\$ 67.58)
Market value of all securities held by the Foundation on June 30, 1965	\$2,633,997.00

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Diplomatic Relations With The Vatican

When Washington wishes to get the reaction of the people of the country, it often does so by dropping feelers into news channels. They are not official, therefore there is no responsibility for them on the part of officials, yet they can reveal the attitude of the people on the subject involved.

There should be sharp reaction on the part of those who believe in separation of church and state, to what, evidently was a "feeler" that was "leaked" last week, and reported in the September 17 issue of *Time* magazine.

The Pope is coming to the U.N. for an address on October 4. *Time* says that President Johnson will be in New York on the 3rd and presumably will remain in New York for a conference with the Pope. It now has been announced that President Johnson will meet Pope Paul.

Time says "Among their possible topics of conversation: establishment of diplomatic relations." Note that *Time* does not say positively that they will discuss diplomatic relations. It is a "possible topic."

Certainly there can be no objection to the President meeting with the Pope. He has met with many religious leaders, and there can be no serious reason why this conference should not be held.

Serious objection, however, can and will be raised to the discussion of "diplomatic relations" between the United States and the Vatican.

There is no reason whatever for such diplomatic relations. Any such move must be considered as political.

The Vatican is not a state in the truest meaning of the word, even though it calls itself that, and it is so recognized by some groups.

The Vatican is a church organization. Its head is the Pope. Its function is not basically that of a nation, but of a world religious organization.

Since this is true our nation could just as justifiably send diplomatic representatives to the head of the Baptist World Alliance in Washington, or to the Methodist world organization.

This issue has been raised many times, and Americans have shown more than once that the vast majority do not want such representation. They now must make their voice heard once more.

The President may have a number of important matters to discuss with the Pope. Diplomatic relations should not be one of them, unless he tells the Pope that such relations will not be established.

The USA has reached great heights of freedom without becoming entangled with the religious alliances of the world.

It should not become so entangled now.

Hospitalization Insurance

The Baptist Record carries advertising of several insurance companies offering hospitalization policies.

Among those whose advertising we have carried in the last few years have been American Temperance Associates, American Income Life Insurance Co., DeMoss Associates, Mississippi Hospital and Medical Service (Blue Cross-Blue Shield), Old American Insurance Co., and Union Bankers Insurance Company.

The advertisements of those companies without agencies in Mississippi come through our national advertising representative, Jacobs List, Inc., of Clinton, S. C., while those from companies with agencies in the state are handled directly with the agencies.

Those companies working through agencies within the state are licensed under the insurance laws of the state of Mississippi. Those handled by mail from other states, operate under the insurance laws of the states in which they are located.

While it is impossible for us to completely check every

company asking to advertise in the Record, we have consistently rejected any advertising where we felt there was the slightest question concerning the company.

The companies located in Mississippi or operating through agencies in Mississippi, must have the approval of the State Insurance Commission, so there is no question concerning them. If they fail to meet the obligations of their policies they must answer to the Commission.

The companies whose advertising is offered through our advertising representative, have, in every case, been checked by that representative and we have been assured that they do not accept advertising of any company which does not give full proof of reliability and responsibility.

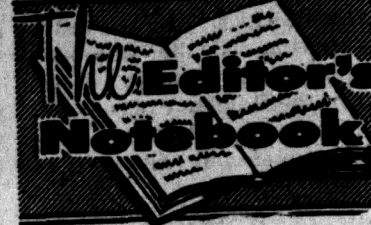
This advertising representative has issued the following statement concerning one of its clients, American Temperance Associates whose ads have been carried in the Baptist Record for three years. "Its ads have now run in over 300 church publications, since May 1962 . . . only (6) subscribers to all these publications have made any complaint." The advertising agent says that he "has corresponded with all six and that their complaints were settled promptly and to their satisfaction by the company. Not one subscriber has failed to receive satisfaction from the company."

We are glad to know that this is the kind of companies whose ads we receive. We do not want to carry any other kind. Of course, there may be some complaints that we do not know about. In the case of one company, several years ago, we did receive a few complaints, but in every case, as far as we know, when the policies were fully understood, satisfactory settlement was effected.

We do urge our subscribers who may purchase policies from any company advertising in the Baptist Record, to report to us immediately if any of them should fail to live up to their agreements. We will not, knowingly, carry advertising for any unreliable company.

While Medicare is going to change the hospitalization picture to some extent, still there will be need. Wall Street Journal in its June 11, 1965 issue mentioned policies such as those which offer a flat amount for each day or week in the hospital, as supplements to the Medicare program. Of course, the majority of the people of the nation are under 65 years of age. They too must have coverage.

Every family needs hospitalization, and many companies offer splendid plans. Those advertising in the Record offer dependable, reliable coverage, and are worthy of consideration if they meet your needs.



"I AM WORRIED ABOUT COMMUNISM"

"Hello, there my friend. Glad to see you on this bright Monday morning. What's on your mind? You look a bit worried."

"Well, who wouldn't be worried with the papers full of the way Communism is spreading? I tell you, if we don't wake up and do something it is going to take the world. There is no doubt about it, they want to destroy the Bible."

"By the way, we missed you in Sunday School yesterday. In fact I don't believe you have been with us for several Sundays."

"No, I'll tell you. I enjoy Sunday School, and I sure believe we need to study the Bible, but Sunday is the only day I have, and you know a fellow has to have some time off. I just took it easy yesterday morning, and after dinner we rode down to the beach. Took the whole family. I believe the kids need Sunday School and Church, but it doesn't do any good to make them go. But about this Communism it really scares me. Why in some countries, they have closed up the churches. . . won't let the people worship."

"Speaking of Church attendance, we had an unusually small crowd last night. There is some talk about us joining most of the other churches, and not trying to have Sunday night services during the summer."

"Boy, I hope the preacher never agrees to that, what with all this threat of Communism. If there ever was a time when we need the Church and Christianity, it is now. Of course, I don't go to Church on Sunday night myself. You take last night. We were back in time all right, but everybody was tired, and all stayed home and watched Ed Sullivan."

"Well, I'll see you at Prayer Meeting Wednesday. Our crowd is small these days."

"No, I have something to do every night. But I'll tell you, we had better do something about this Communism. You know, they don't believe in prayer. Well, so long."

The Reminder,
—First Baptist, Dallas

The Bible For Today's World by W. A. Criswell, is typical of this great pastor who has come to symbolize sound conservatism. There are no question marks over his Bible. The reader will be struck with the fact that the author uses the Bible as a weapon for battle rather than an arena for controversy. The section entitled, "The preservation of the Word of God," is especially convincing.

Whatever theological position one holds, this volume will be of consuming interest. —J.C.M.

The number of Mormons in Brazil has increased during the last ten years from 1,000 to nearly 21,000. In 1938, the first year of Mormon statistics in the South American nation, only 32 persons became Mormons, compared to 5,000 last year. The Church now has 390 missionaries in Brazil who use the Portuguese language in their work. Mormons there have ten chapels and twelve under construction.

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Religion, Health

Note: This column, which has been published now for several weeks in the Baptist Record, will be a regular feature. The writer, Rev. Robert J. Hastings, was formerly Kentucky Baptists' Secretary of Stewardship. He is now pastor of University Baptist Church, Carbondale, Illinois.

In a recent speech at the University of Louisville, Dr. Norman Rothermel pointed out that excessive fear or anxiety may help to bring on arthritis. He also explained that excessive anger may induce high blood pressure and heart disease, and that excessive frustration may encourage ulcers. He was careful to point out that these are not the only causes, but that emotions do play a vital role in many illnesses.

It has been said that there is not a single one of the ten trillion cells in the human body which is not affected to some degree by one's mind. And another doctor, E. A. Strecker, writes, "It is not an overstatement to say that fully 50 percent of the problems of the acute stages of an illness . . . have their primary origin not in the body, but in the mind of the patient."

This means that a sound religious faith benefits the believer not only morally and spiritually, but also physically, because faith is a powerful antidote to fear, frustration, and anger. All other factors being equal, the person with a mature Christian faith will be healthier and stronger than his non-believing neighbor. This is how one prophet expressed it centuries ago, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

Taylor Resigns As Illinois Executive

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)—Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of the Illinois Baptist State Association for nearly 20 years, has resigned effective Oct. 31. Harrison C. Croslin, secretary of Stewardship and Promotion for Illinois Baptists, was asked to serve as interim executive secretary.

The month of October will be given to Taylor as a vacation period, so that Croslin was to begin duties as interim secretary Oct. 1.

In a companion action, L. H. Moore resigned as associate executive secretary. However, Moore will continue as editor of the association's weekly newspaper here, the *Illinois Baptist*.

In his resignation announcement, Taylor did not outline his future plans. He said he would disclose them in the near future.

Revered Through The Centuries



BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Oklahoma City, Okla.

THREE DIMENSIONS OF LOVE

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. . . we love him, because he first loved us" (I John 4:10-11, 19).

The source of love is not in the heart of man but in the heart of God. The love (agape) of which John speaks is that which characterizes the nature of God. "God is love" (4:8). So this is the God-kind-of-love. Thus it is the highest expression of love.

This love is seen not in our love for God but in His love for us. And His greatest expression of this love is the gift of His Son to be the "propitiation" or sin offering for our sins (I John 2:2).

Now man's favorable response to God's love is to give the love to God in return. Thus John says, "We love him, because he first loved us". The initiative in the saving experience is with God. But its effectiveness in us hinges upon our response.

Furthermore, the Christian should express his love for God by giving his love to other Christians. This love is also the basis of evangelism as it is extended to all men. For, says John, "If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another".

Thus we see the three dimensions of love. God's love coming down to us and our

The continuous striving of the church to come into an ideal relationship with her head should be paralleled by a reaching toward a realization of "ideal marriage" by committed Christian partners. —Ernest White, in "Marriage and the Bible," (Broadman Press).

love going up to God. And in this relationship we extend our love to other men. There is then the downward, upward, and outward expressions of this God-kind-of-love. If you draw a picture of this threefold expression, you will form the shape of a cross. It is in Christ crucified that this love finds its greatest expression and truest meaning.

Baptist Forum

Register To Vote!

Dear Sir:

All good citizens approve your fine editorial in the Record relative to murdering; however, while we are politicking, all Caucasians who are registered and can vote in our state should give some sober thought to what the eminent Democratic Congressman from New York, the Hon. Wm. Fitts Ryan, had to say over a national TV hook-up, that on September 21 Congress would take up the proposition of having our five legally elected Congressmen unseated. While I know the Baptist Record is non-political, the white people of our state had better heed what our Governor and State Senator Hayden Campbell are urging, to get the 400,000 not interested white people in our state registered so we can continue good government and cease through education—what your editorial condemns.

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Vicksburg, Miss. 39181

GOD IS FOR THE ALCOHOLIC

by Jerry G. Dunn (Moody Press, 205 pp., \$3.95)

The author, who is Director of Rehabilitation, Open Door Mission, Omaha, Nebraska, knows that there is hope for the alcoholic, for he himself has been one, and has escaped that curse. He points out that 71 per cent of America's population, over 21, drink, and that 19 million people in the United States are dependent on alcohol; and that nearly ten million are alcoholics. "But," he continues, "man need not die on the installment plan, one drink at a time! God has provided a way of escape." From years of research and from personal and practical experience, Jerry Dunn outlines the course and cure for one in bondage to drink. First, he underscores "understanding the problem." Second, he gives five ways that other persons may help the alcoholic. Third, he lists five ways the alcoholic can help himself. Topmost on the final list is "dependency on God." This book will be an aid to pastors, physicians, social workers, and alcoholics and their families.

OUTLINES FOR PREACHING by Walter L. Moore (Broadman, 80 pp., paper, \$1.50).

A former Mississippi pastor, Dr. Moore presents 36 two-page sermon outlines on various aspects of the Christian life. The material first appeared in the Quarterly Review. These are bare outlines, but are thorough enough to provide the skeleton for some good sermons.

HIMALAYAN HEART-BEAT by Ken Anderson (Word Books, Inc., Waco, Texas, 198 pp., \$3.75).

A stirring story of twentieth century stewardship. . . An intriguing, dramatic story of a man who left a brilliant business career in England to become a missionary medic in India—this is the second volume published by Word Books, a division of Word Records, Inc. It is the true story of Dr. Geoffrey D. Lehmann and his ministry at Herbertpur Mission Hospital in the Himalayan foothills. Ken Anderson, the author, is well-known as a writer of Christian fiction and as an independent film producer.

TALES I HAVE TOLD TWICE by Roy L. Smith (Abingdon, 127 pp., \$2.25).

The late Roy L. Smith was one of the outstanding preachers of the Methodist denomination. As a columnist, biblical interpreter and author of books, he was read by thousands of people. This is a collection of stories from his own experience. They illustrate many facets of Christian

life and experience, and should prove valuable for preachers and others to use in illustrating messages.

WHAT CAN I BELIEVE? by Walter L. Cook (Abingdon, 112 pp., \$2.00).

The subtitle is "Talks to Youth on the Christian Faith." The messages are directed to youth, and answer questions which youth asks. The author is apt at using illustrations and in talking straight to the hearts of young people.

A GOOD STEWARD by George A. E. Salstrand (Baker, 76 pp., paper, \$1.00).

A study of the teachings of the Bible on the various facets of Christian stewardship. Introducing his messages by discussion of the steward and his responsibility, the author follows with the discussion of time, talents and money. The last two chapters deal with the tithe. Clear, concise discussion of important subject.

BUILDING YOUR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH by Ralph Heynen (Baker, 111 pp., \$2.95).

A hospital chaplain offers helpful advice to those burdened with illness, handicaps, sleeplessness, sorrow, doubt, guilt. He leads the problem-ridden to see that they can find victory through spiritual therapy.

SPLENDID MOMENTS by Betty W. Stoffel, illustrated by Mary Alice Bahler (John Knox Press, 64 pp., \$2.00).

A book of poetry about life's "splendid moments."

LAUGH AND CRY by Yvonne Tilly Hale (Exposition, 64 pp., \$3.00).

Reminiscent sketches from southern Louisiana, written by a 70-year-old kindergarten teacher.

THE RIGHT ANGLES by Babette Hall, with an introduction by Edward L. Bernays (David McKay Co., Inc., New York, 160 pp., \$3.95).

DOCTOR AMONG CONGO REBELS by Helen Roseveare (Christian Literature Crusade, Fort Washington, Pa., paperback, 104 pp., \$1.25).

Dr. Helen Roseveare and her colleagues maintained their work in the Congo against all odds, during the rebel movement. This is her moving and dramatic story.

MISSIONARY LEGAL MANUAL by Crawford M. Bishop (Moody, paperback, 158 pp., \$2.50).

Part I discusses private and public international law governing the missionary and his work. Part II deals with the subject of freedom of religion with relation to the missionary and the missionary society abroad.

IMMORTALITY AND RESURRECTION edited by Krister Stendahl (MacMillan, 149 pp., \$1.45).

Four theologians discuss the conflicting Greek and Christian views on life after death.

BLOOD AND FIRE! by Edward Bishop (Moody, 114 pp., \$2.50) Dramatic and thrilling story of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army.

WHEN GATES YIELD by Geoffrey T. Bull (Moody Press, paperback, 254 pp., 89 cents) the dauntless story of a British missionary in Tibet, captive in Chinese Communist hands for three years.

SOUND HIS GLORIES FORTH by Elizabeth R. Edwards and Gladys Besancon (Baker, 172 pp., \$3.95) Religious programs for churches and schools. Easy to present. Artistically rewarding.

GOING STEADY WITH GOD by Anna B. Mow (Zondervan, 224 pp.) A practical guidebook for young people. Advice for daily living. Discussions of thought-provoking principles, one topic for each month of the year.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY PREPARES FOR CHRISTMAS by Charles S. Mueller (Concordia, 63 pp., \$1.00) Daily devotions for use in weeks preceding Christmas season. Special projects by Diane Dieterich; pencil sketches by Mary Beth Gaitskill. Bright and beautiful cover.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

September 27—W. W. Clark, Carey College faculty; Janet Burge, faculty, Gilroy School of Nursing.

September 28—Victor Vaughn, Clarke faculty; Ralph Herin, Covington associational Brotherhood president; Ronnie Power, Baptist Book Store.

September 29—Paul Nunnery, superintendent, Children's Village; Mrs. S. M. Thomas, vice-president, District II, WMU.

September 30—C. Wayne Neal, Northeast Junior College, Baptist student director; Nolan Johnston, Lebanon associational Sunday school superintendent.

October 1—Mrs. Daphne Pridden, Baptist Building; Chester L. Quarles, Baptist Building.

October 2—Robert Spencer, faculty, Mississippi College; Mary Elizabeth Crenshaw, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

October 3—E. M. Causey, Mississippi associational superintendent of missions; Joseph W. Oliver, Monroe associational superintendent of missions.

The Inevitable Encounter

(Continued from Page 1)

minute she has them. It is her purpose to start World War III! She desires a military conflict with the West, believing that only Chinese communism will survive the holocaust. And she will be equipped to launch this showdown."

Billy further said that experts say it makes no difference who launches the first bomb as far as the "kill" is concerned. We can launch the first rockets and Red China can still retaliate because her weaponry is scattered all over a great land mass that makes it impossible to knock out all of them. We can strike back for the same reason. It is estimated that they could kill from 30 to 60 million Americans in the first blast and completely wreck our industrial system. We could kill up to 300 million Chinese! But when this is all over with there will still be 450 million Chinese left! And the Chinese industrial system would still be standing because it is diversified and scattered in little factories all over China, while ours is concentrated in our industrial centers which would be easily knocked out! Billy Graham asked that we pray for our President as he faces awesome and horrendous decisions. Some military men advise that we unleash our bombs and rockets right now on China to retard her progress in her determined and diabolical plans. They say, "Go ahead and start the war. Take the initiative. Blast her research centers and hold off this inevitable day." Yet others say such action is morally unthinkable. All we can do is sit and wait, sit and wait, even in Viet Nam today, sit and wait, while the clock of time ticks on like a time bomb, and China prepares for World War III.

With this shadow over us this morning, I share the sense of urgency that Billy expressed when he concluded, "Wayne, if there was ever a time when we ought to preach the gospel, it is now! If there was ever a time when we ought to cast aside all periphery matters and get to the main business of winning people to Jesus Christ, it is now!"

We may have five years or less! Five years, not according to an alarmist or a preacher, but according to the military leaders, the political officials, intelligence reports! Unless there is divine intervention . . . unless there is a softening of the hearts of men by God's Holy Spirit, we have five years at the most!

The words of Amos are terrifying and relevant. "Prepare to meet thy God."

I. THE WORLD

I wonder if God is saying to this world in the war headlines of the morning paper, "World, prepare to meet thy God?"

Over in the book of Revelation we have a description of what God says His judgment upon this world will be like when that inevitable Judgment Day comes. I asked Billy, "What do you think is going to happen? Do you think this is a fulfillment of prophecy and prelude to the second coming of Christ?" He said, "You know, I have never preached much from Revelation. There are so many fanatics with their schemes and their systems and their dates that most of us just shy away from trying to understand this book. But there are some verses that trouble me in this day. For as I listened to the talk in Washington and at Camp David I remembered those verses in the sixteenth chapter of Revelation. There we have the description of the battle of Armageddon which is to be the great climactic battle of all time and eternity as the world moves toward a cataclysmic end. The sixteenth chapter says in that day the kings of the East shall come out against God's people. It will be 'East against the West!' It says these kings of the East will come as servants of the antichrist. And many see communism as the antichrist!"

Billy continued, "Over here in the ninth chapter, verse 16, it prophesies that this army shall number two hundred thousand - thousand men - that is 200 million! I have a news item clipped to that page in my Bible which says that today Red China has 200 million soldiers under arms, (counting all her reserves, women, etc.) - 200 million! Two thousand years

ago there were not 200 million people in the whole world! People have scoffed at the idea of an army of 200 million - but it is a reality, today! An army led by the kings of the East, marching for the antichrist, of 200 million soldiers!"

"Then, over here in the eighth chapter it prophesies that a star will fall to earth, killing one-third of all the people and one-third of all the fish and one-third of all the animals, on land and in the sea. Now, in the past we have had weapons of war that destroyed men. But these weapons have never destroyed all of life! Now, this is a star that falls from heaven and destroys men and streams and fish and land and grass and trees and animals . . . a perfect description of a nuclear bomb and the fallout! And this star is called 'wormwood' for it shall contaminate the water and the water shall be as wormwood—as bitterness—and all who drink the water shall die. This is a description of nuclear fallout. It contaminates the water, the air and all foodstuff, and all that drink the water and eat the food contaminated with the bitterness of wormwood shall die."

Is that day spoken of in God's word near at hand? Are the current events of today ominous warnings saying, "World, prepare to meet thy God?"

The Archbishop of Canterbury said "Perhaps God is going to let mankind destroy himself." I don't believe that. That is not what the Bible says. It does not say we are all going to destroy ourselves. The Bible says that there is coming this cataclysmic end when God shall bring judgment upon this world. The forces of evil shall march against the forces of God in a battle of Armageddon. It will be a great day of tribulation, a great day of trial! But in that day the Christians (God's people) will be delivered. God will come in mighty saving power to claim his own. So man is not going to wipe himself out completely, but this world is moving toward a judgment day with almighty God!

Oh, if I were a Christian, if I were not a child of God, I would not let this service close without getting on my knees and finding Jesus Christ as my Saviour, God as my father, and finding my salvation and my security in Him! Every headline in the paper pronounces judgment upon this world! Every current event says that God is in history and moving us toward a Judgment Day out yonder in the future. If I were not ready for the judgment of this world this morning, if I were not on God's side, if I were not a child of God, I would not let this service close until I had confessed my sins to God and received Jesus Christ as my Saviour!

II. NATION

Then I wonder, as I read again the words of Amos, is God saying, as Amos said 2700 years ago to Israel, "America, prepare to meet thy God."

Look again at what Amos, the herdsman, the mountaineer preacher declared to the people of Israel: "As he came out of the hills of Tokoa dressed in crude clothing and pronouncing judgment in speech that was unlettered and unrefined, they said, 'Who licensed you to preach? What school are you from?' He answered, 'God has called me!' They ridiculed him to scorn, beat him into unconsciousness, hung his body across a donkey and sent him back to die in the hills of Tokoa."

What did he preach that so infuriated the crowds? He said, "Judgment is coming upon this nation!"

A. PROSPERITY

They laughed. "Judgment? Where? Look at our prosperity and our wealth, our houses of ivory, our silken couches of comfort, our women in beautiful clothes!" Amos answered, "Yes, you are wealthy because you have oppressed the poor. You have sold a man for the price of a pair of shoes. You have been insensitive to the sufferings of the widows and orphans. And because in your prosperity you have been insensitive to the needs of humanity about you, God has pronounced judgment upon you."

Does God speak thus to America? I see that the gross national product continues to soar higher and higher.

I read that we are in the longest prosperity cycle we have ever known. Leaders are now boasting that we cannot have depression. We have a controlled economy. We just pump in a little extra tax relief, pump in a little more of public funds into the economy whenever it slows down, and our prosperity will just soar higher and higher. They have ridiculed the banker who suggested that we might have another stock market crash like 1929. They say it can't happen again. A depression is impossible. The Dow-Jones average will always go higher and higher. We are in a controlled sustained spiral of rising prosperity. We just can't miss and we just can't lose.

I saw an article the other day describing our affluence. We no longer have only two-car families, we now have two-boat families . . . more than a half million of them in the United States, with two boats. And more than a million families in America have two homes, such as a summer camp and a house in town.

So this is our prosperity and we have never had it so good! But God says "Wait a minute, America, there are one billion people in this world who will go to bed hungry. Today there are millions of people who do not even have a thin roof over their heads. And God is going to call us to judgment as we are insensitive to hungry, starving, needy, suffering humanity!"

B. CHURCHES

They said to Amos, "God is not going to bring judgment upon us for look at our churches and look at our people in worship. Look at our great church at Bethel! Look at the great church at Gilgal! Look at the crowds that bring their offerings and sacrifices!"

Amos said, "Yes, you do have your great churches and your magnificent buildings and your high church attendance and your many sacrifices and your many offerings." But then in verse 4 he says, "The more you sacrifice, the more you sin along with your worship, you pile up iniquity upon iniquity!"

Is there a parallel?

Today church attendance is at an alltime high. More people belong to churches than at any time in American history. And yet, we are in a period of moral decline and threatened by a "new morality" that seeks to discard every concept of Christian morality. In spite of the high church attendance, crime increased in this Christian nation 13% last year (figures just released by J. Edgar Hoover). So serious is this problem that the President has appointed a special commission on crime to study and see what can be done as crime continues to increase five times faster than the population.

C. PEACE

Amos also prophesied that God was going to bring judgment by bringing war to Israel. He said, "Your men will be killed on the battlefield and your women will be led away into slavery like cattle with hooks in their noses." They laughed and said, "Oh, no, we have peace, peace, peace." Amos replied "You say peace, peace and there is no peace."

What does he mean? He is saying that you have no peace because you are not sowing the seeds that produce peace. You are sowing seeds that will inevitably produce war.

Let us look at America! We are striving desperately for peace. We are trying to find new channels through which to make peace. Our motives are sincere! We want peace more than anything else! But we are not willing to pay the price for peace. We are not doing those things which are necessary to bring peace to this world. For example, I saw a release not long ago dividing up the tax dollar. More than 70c out of every federal tax dollar goes to support war, defense, cold war, hot war, past, present and future! It appears we must do this! But what little we spend for the things which will make for peace! For example, I read the other day that we are spending more money to put a man on the moon (and this is primarily a military venture to develop a system of weaponry in space platforms which will control the earth from above; . . . we are spending more in this single project to put a

man on the moon than all the Christian peoples of America, Catholic and Protestant, of all foreign mission enterprises in all the years that this country has been a nation! Think of it! The total amount spent by all Americans in all our history to take the gospel of Jesus Christ into a lost world—all put together does not total what we are spending in this single effort to put a man on the moon.

Remember what Douglas MacArthur said at the end of World War II after the Japanese peace treaty was signed? He issued a call to America to send 10,000 Christian missionaries to Japan! He said, "The doors are wide open, we can win Japan and the Orient to Jesus Christ in this generation." Ten thousand missionaries to Japan would not cost as much as one aircraft carrier. But did we heed the call of the grand old soldier? No! We continued to say "Aircraft carriers are more important than missionaries to Japan." And today the Far East is going communistic because we did not establish a Christian beachhead in the Orient.

You see, we are saying "peace, peace," but we are not spending our money, our energies, our time, ourselves for those things which bring peace. We will not have peace in this world until you and I in a personal way begin to say and do the things that produce peace! We must preach a gospel and practice a Christianity day by day that solves the problems of this world rather than adds to them. We must live the kind of a Christian life that brings peace; peace to a community, peace to a people, peace to a nation, peace to a world! In these times of tension and hostility, let us as Christians keep our heads, keep sensible, keep Christian, keep sweet, sowing the seeds of peace and understanding and love. This we must do if we ever hope to have a world of peace.

So Amos said, "God's patience is worn out." God says, "I sent famine and you turned not. I sent drouth and you turned not. I sent blight and you turned not. I sent insects and you turned not. I sent disease and you turned not. I sent war and you turned not. Now, prepare to meet thy God."

Could God be saying this to America? "I sent World War I and you turned not. I sent depression and you turned not. I sent World War II and you turned not. Now, prepare to meet thy God."

A mother said a week ago (pointing to her husband), "You were taken in World War II. And now our son is just the right age. He will be taken in this war." Will we ever learn?

Remember the little folksong:

Where have all the flowers gone,
Where have all the young girls gone,
Where have all the young men gone—

And the refrain is—

Will they never learn? Will they never learn?

III. PERSONAL

Now let us be personal. God says, "Prepare to meet thy God." He is saying this to a nation. And he is saying this to you and to me personally. For if a nuclear bomb does not get us, all together, there is a personal bomb that will get us one by one! We may be destroyed in the twinkling of an eye altogether. But if not, there is a little personal bomb called "death" with your name on it, and another with my name on it.

We will meet God in death—and then we will meet God in judgment. For, the Bible says "It is appointed unto man once to die and then the judgment!" This is the inevitable appointment that every one of us must keep. You must stand there before God, personally and individually, after death in judgment. And God will open the book, and look at the record and say, "Give an account of thyself. What of these sins? What did you do with the Saviour Jesus Christ? What did you do on that Sunday morning when the issue was made so clear?" And there will be just two positions before that judgment bar. As there are only

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BAPTIST PREACHERS VISIT AMBASSADOR IN RUSSIA—Left to right: Rev. Bob White, Louisiana; Dr. W. O. Vaught, Arkansas; Dr. Kermit Canterbury, Jackson, Miss.; the Honorable Foy Kohler, the American Ambassador to Russia; Dr. Bob Ramsay, Brookhaven, Miss.; and Dr. W. A. Criswell, Texas, in the American Embassy at Moscow.

Letter From Vienna

By Dr. Bob Ramsay, Pastor
First, Brookhaven

August 21 is a red letter day in the lives of each of us. We arrived in Leningrad from Helsinki at 11:30 p. m., and our first impression of the Soviet Union was a lasting one. A big, burly, tieless Russian met us on the plane and demanded our passports. After a quick look, they were returned; but as we left the plane, two officers lifted our passports and motioned us on. From that moment until now—and I anticipate until we leave—we have received the "Red" treatment. Everything has been done to test our patience, either on purpose or through inefficiency. I rather think it was both.

Customs

Some of the most tense moments through which we passed were when our luggage was being examined. We were told in Helsinki by a Baptist minister and a layman not to attempt to take Russian Bibles, which had been provided by the American Bible Society into the USSR. In fact, many people had brought Bibles as far as Helsinki on their way to the Soviet Union and had left them at the Baptist church. Each of us had either Bibles or gospels of John. Some of us picked up additional Bibles at the Baptist church.

At the hotel we held a prayer meeting and sought the will of the Lord in the matter—to attempt to take the Bibles or leave them behind. After fervent prayer for guidance from above, our spirits were as one: we would take the Bibles and accept the consequences. Needless to say, we prayed as we were being prepared for customs for the "moment of decision." My prayer was, "Lord, Thy power is greater than the Soviet Union." I suppose each of us did what most of us do under similar circumstances. We both prayed and worried. Many a person, especially clergy, has been imprisoned for less. Later we felt a sense of victory. God had answered our prayers. The Bibles were not discovered.

When we arrived at the Hotel Eurpa in Leningrad, we were told that we had no reservations. We finally got to bed about two o'clock in a

two choices for you, today. You are for Christ or against him! You are either on his side or the other side. You have either received him as Saviour or you have not received him. You are either saved or lost.

Where do you stand today? The Bible says, "Prepare to meet thy God!" Are you ready to stand before his judgment bar and meet your God? This morning, if I were not saved, a thousand wild horses could not drag me out of this service until I was saved! If I had not confessed my sins, if I were not right with God, if I were not a Christian, I would not leave this service until I had settled this matter and made peace with God!

So I give the invitation this morning for you to walk this aisle, for you to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, for you to prepare for that inevitable inescapable appointment. It may come tonight, or a year from now, or 30 years from now. But it will come, and you will meet God. Make ready this morning as you accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour!

cold room, with cold water, and slept cold. The food was far below par, and the atmosphere was quite negative, to put it mildly. When we checked out of the hotel, Dr. Vaught was requested to sign a statement that we were assigned deluxe rooms. This he refused to do.

Patience Tested

Without being repetitious, it is sufficient to say the services on our flight to Moscow and at the airport were even worse. We were impressed with the speed of the plane—800 miles per hour. The interior of the plane was extremely poor and quite soiled. At the airport in Moscow, we were "royally" welcomed by Intourist, directed to the waiting room to spend another hour while Dr. Vaught argued for hotel rooms. They claimed that there were no reservations. For some unknown reason, all of our reservations had been cancelled in the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. Not until Dr. Vaught said, "I am calling my travel agent in USA," did we get results. Immediately a government limousine was dispatched to pick us up. For sure we looked like VIP's on entering the capitol city. We were taken to the finest hotel—the Ukraina. It could be seen for miles away but the closer we got the less impressed I was. Its massive structure—perhaps 2000 rooms—was a sight to behold. But upon entering the hotel, it gave every evidence of having been flooded. The floors were cracked, the workmanship was extremely poor, and there were none of the finer qualities that one would expect in a hotel of this importance.

On the way to my room, I picked up a newspaper. There was nothing but crude and abusive language about our beloved Country. The crudities of Khrushchev displayed in the U.N., were not out of character. We must never forget that the leadership of Russia hates everything that is of a holy nature. There is a constant barrage of distortions of Our America in the press, on TV, and over the radio. Later in the evening we were warned by a person in position to know that perhaps our rooms were bugged.

Baptist Life

We attended church the previous Sunday in Leningrad, and the image we had of Baptist life in the USSR was correct. The people stood for two hours in the morning, in the afternoon, and in the evening, shoulder to shoulder, praying, singing, and listening with rapt attention to sermons.

Each of us spoke through an interpreter by the name of Dr. Timothy Fetter, the son of the famous Dr. William Fetter (The Billy Graham of Leningrad who started the Baptist work there in 1905 but who was banished in 1915 by the government, which was dominated by the Russian Orthodox Church). Dr. Timothy Fetter was born the same year in New York, is at present, professor at Santa Barbara College in California, and was there for a one day's visit.

Our first visit to a Baptist Church in the Soviet Union was a mountain-top experience, especially when they sang "God Be With You Until We Meet Again," while all of the people waved their handkerchiefs to us.

This is a pagan land with a

godless philosophy. While there are a few, relatively few, ready to die for Jesus, the innumerable multitudes are like sheep without a shepherd. Forty-five years of atheistic philosophy has produced multiplied millions of people who are void of the truth of God. The evidences of this tragic fact are seen in their faces, their common misery of sub-standard living, and their aimlessness. In the parks and on the streets, in the atheistic museum (once a church), and everywhere you look or turn, there they are—with common clothes and common means of transportation—walking!

Some marveled at the thousands walking on the sidewalks, six and eight abreast, all day long. There are two reasons for this: their crowded living conditions (one goal of the USSR is a flat foot every family); and there are no automobiles. In the city of Leningrad with a population of three and one half million people, we saw no cars, only buses, taxis and street cars. I have no fear that the USSR will ever overtake us economically. But I am afraid that we will be destroyed from within. All that you hear and read about Communism changing for the better is undiluted nonsense. Twenty-four hours a day innumerable multitudes of people in the communist world are being "processed" to hate and to destroy every trace of our economic and spiritual philosophy of life.

Austria

September 1, 1965, will live on in our hearts forever. It was the day we left what amounts to a "vast prison" and arrived in a free country, Austria. The Soviet Union put us on a clean plane for the first time. I asked a Jew from New Jersey who was born in the USSR, "Why such a clean plane?" His answer, "These people are smart. Nothing goes out of the Soviet Union but the finest, from airplanes, to ballet dancers, to athletes. This is to convey to the free world the glory of communism."

The mail service was so poor that I did not receive a letter in the entire eleven days in the USSR. I know for a fact that several letters had been written, for the letters received in Vienna indicated missing links.

On Tuesday, August 24, we visited the American Embassy in Moscow for an interview with our Ambassador, Mr. Kohler. Quite obviously, he is well versed in the history of Russia and the revolutions through which it has passed, as well as present plans and purposes of the USSR and all other Communist states. We became aware of the fact that these people of that vast land have suffered oppression for more than 1000 years. It was refreshing to be in "Little America" for about two hours.

Churches

On Tuesday evening we went to the Moscow Baptist Church. There each of us witnessed what we had seen in Leningrad. The house was packed and jammed. The services lasted for two hours. Each of us was allowed to speak. The choir of young people numbered sixty, and there were about one thousand people present. No one would question for a moment the sincerity of these dear people.

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ADDING THEIR MEXICAN FLAVOR to William Carey College this school year will be Dr. and Mrs. William Clawson and their children. The Clawsons, missionaries to Mexico, are on furlough. Dr. Clawson will serve as distinguished visiting Bible professor at Carey during the 1965-66 academic year. Pictured with their parents are the three Clawson children, Kathy, Billy, and Mary Elizabeth.

From Mexico To H'burg

By Mrs. Marjorie Rowden
Settling down in Hattiesburg for a long year's furlough are Dr. and Mrs. William Clawson, missionaries to Mexico, with their three children, all born in Mexico. The Clawsons will be living adjacent to the William Carey College campus where Dr. Clawson will be serving as distinguished guest professor in the Bible Department for the 1965-66 school year.

Both native Louisianians, the Clawsons have been missionaries to Mexico since 1953. Dr. Clawson has served as field missionary for a five-state area, as mission treasurer, and as professor at the Baptist seminary in Torreón. In addition he has acted as dean of men for the many Mexican ministerial students who study in the seminary.

Kathryn Clawson, who has learned the Spanish language so fluently that she now thinks in Spanish, acts as mother to not only her own three children but as mother away from home to all of the seminary students in Torreón.

"I always cook birthday cakes for the boys," Kathryn said, "and I never cease to be thrilled when one says to me 'This is the first time I have ever had a birthday cake in my life.'"

In Mexico, Mrs. Clawson supplements her children's Spanish education by teaching them at home using the Calvert Course home studies. But in Hattiesburg, Billy, age 11, has joined the sixth grade class at Waltham School, and Kathy, age 9, is already at home in the fourth grade at the same school. Three and a half year old Mary Elizabeth, whom the Mexicans refer to as "the little angel" has become a kindergarten student.

Mexican curios, including a black velvet sombrero and

daintily dressed Mexican dolls, deck the walls and tables of their furloughing home on Tuscan Avenue.

Dr. Clawson holds the Doctor of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary, having done his undergraduate work at Louisiana College. Mrs. Clawson is also a Louisiana College graduate who earned the master's degree in religious education at New Orleans Seminary.

Pastor's Son Has Bone Tumor

Mike Roberts, son of Rev. Olyn F. Roberts (pastor of Midway Church, Meridian), has a malignant bone tumor. His leg will have to be amputated at the hip socket on or after October 1, according to a letter sent out by his father on Sept. 15.

Mike will conclude his X-Ray treatments September 21, and then will go to a cancer clinic for further tests.

Friends who learned Mike was ill sent a gift of money. With this, he and his father purchased an electric piano, as Mike has unusual musical ability.

Mike is enrolled in Meridian High School, taking strings, English, and government.

Pastor Roberts told his son last week that he faced the loss of a leg. Of the experience he says, "So many have prayed Mike would take the news bravely, and that he did. Naturally he did not relish the thought of any kind of surgery, but is now reconciled to it. In fact, he is making plans for the future for possible careers with only one leg. He has certainly proved himself a man, and from here on, he will be consulted about all that is to be done to him. Christ is more real to us now than He has ever been, and it is our desire to bring glory to His dear name through this experience."

Central (Yazoo) Calls Pastor

Rev. Arnold Medina of Graceville, Florida has accepted a call as pastor of Central Church, Bentonla. Mr. Medina and his wife and two children, Stevie 6, and Lisa 4 are presently living on the church field.

Mr. Medina is a native of Miami, Florida, having lived in Graceville for the past three years while attending Baptist Bible Institute. For two years he pastored Holmes Creek Church, Chipley, Fla., until his graduation from BBI. He is presently enrolled as a junior at Mississippi College.

Matthews Church Calls Graham

Matthews Church, Lafayette County, has called Rev. Max B. Graham of Independence as its new pastor.

Mr. Graham was ordained to the ministry by Mount Zion Church, Independence. He attended Clarke College.

At Matthews, he succeeds Rev. Homer Rich, who resigned in order to teach at Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, Arkansas.

COVERLESS BIBLE LEADS MAN TO BAPTIST FAITH

"I was sure I was on the right road, certainly with the majority."

Thus, Olimpio Ferreira da Silva, a member of a traditionally Roman Catholic family in Brazil, began the story of his conversion from Catholicism to the Baptist faith. Holding an old Bible which had lost its cover, he spoke before the Brotherhood of Second Baptist Church, Macae.

The Brotherhood had asked each member to tell his conversion experience so that all could learn more about soul-winning methods that give results. The method Mr. Ferreira da Silva advocates is distribution of the Scriptures. "As a Catholic," he said, "it never occurred to me to find out about other religions." When he bought a farm, he built a chapel by the house and enthroned there the image of Santo Antonio,

the saint of his devotion. He promoted a feast in honor of his saint each year.

Later he sold the farm, and he and his sons bought an automobile parts business in Macae. While making an inventory of their purchase, he found among various books a package containing a thick volume, coverless and lacking several pages. He took this unfamiliar book home and searched it for some reference to Santo Antonio.

"Instead," he told the Brotherhood, "much to my surprise I found in Psalm 115 a most strong condemnation of the worship of images. Recognizing my error, I sought to visit an evangelical church." Second Baptist was the church nearest his home.

"I received sufficient enlightenment to change my thinking about true worship of God," he continued.



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Goal adopted by WMU Executive Board: Every church without a WMU organization contacted in 1965-66 in the interest of beginning WMU work.

Serendipities For 1966

By Helen Fling

Is "serendipity" in your dictionary? The word is sweeping the country. In a new book entitled Serendipity, J. Wallace Hamilton points out that serendipity is actually an old word coined by Sir Horace Walpole in 1754. It is based on the fairy tale about three princes of Serendip. Every time they set out on a quest the unexpected happened, and they found more than they were seeking. Today serendipity is defined as "the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for."

History reveals many serendipities. Columbus sought a shorter route to Asia and discovered America. Pasteur sought to keep wine from souring and discovered how to pasteurize milk. Dr. Crawford Long experimented with laughing gas and discovered anesthesia. The list could go on and on, showing that serendipities are combinations of happy surprises, prepared minds, and noble purposes.

Many serendipities are suggested by the exciting opportunities of WMU meetings for 1966. Turn to pages 10 and 11 in the new WMU Year Book for the list which gives the dates.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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RAY CONNER DIRECTS CHORAL CLINICS



Ray Conner

Last week's issue of The Baptist Record carried information on the Choral Music Reading Clinics. This note is to remind you of them.

In Jackson
Tuesday, September 28—3:30-5:30 p.m. Session—Broadmoor Church

Tuesday, September 28—7:00-9:00 p.m. Session—Baptist Book Store

In Meridian
Wednesday, September 29—9:00-11:45 a.m. Session—Fifteenth Avenue Church
The purpose of the clinics

is to provide music leaders with an opportunity to examine, sing, and hear choice new choral music selected from large quantities of recent publications. A complimentary packet of anthems will be made available to music directors only. However, any church musician is invited—choir members, accompanists, children's workers, others. Also, church musicians of other denominations are welcome.

Directing the clinics will be Ray Conner, Young People's Adult Music Consultant, Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. Coming to Mississippi with Mr. Conner will be Al Crawford, Representative, Retail Advertising and Sales Promotion Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Sponsoring the clinics are the Church Music Department, the Baptist Book Store of Mississippi, and the Baptist Sunday School Board. Mrs. O. M. Jones, Manager of the Baptist Book Store, is assisting with the clinics.

This is an experimental project. If it meets a need and is successful, other clinics probably will be conducted in the future.



JIMMY LITTLE on September 8 was recipient of a leather-bound copy of the Baptist Hymnal, a gift from his church, Calvary, Pascagoula (Rev. Byron Mathis, pastor.) Having answered God's call to prepare for Christian service as minister of music, Jimmy enrolled last week at Mississippi College. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Little, he is a graduate of Pascagoula High School. He has been active in youth work and music at Calvary Church, and has participated in youth revivals and in associational youth meetings.

State Church Registers Library

NASHVILLE—Center Baptist Church, Blue Springs, Miss., registered its new church library in August with the Sunday School Board's Church Library Department. Rev. Partee Tutor is pastor and Mrs. Newt L. Ivy is librarian.

Eastern Star Awards \$1,000 To Carey Men

Five students at William Carey College in Hattiesburg have been awarded a total of \$1,000 in scholarship money by the Grand Chapter of the Mississippi Order of the Eastern Star.

The following students were named as recipients of \$200 each: Ted Beverly, Woodville; H. Malone Cochran, Collins; Rev. Delma Gibson, Petal; Osmo K. Larmi, Hattiesburg; and Rev. Ernest Onley, Poplarville.

All of the scholarship winners are training at Carey College for some religious vocational work. This includes the ministry, the field of church music, and the field of religious education.

I Caught A Glimpse

By Mrs. Climmie Sullivan
Rt. 4, Mt. Olive, Miss.

Approximately three years ago I was slated for major surgery six weeks prior to its actual performance. On this particular date, the attendants had gone through the usual procedure of preparing me for the operating room. I had awakened this day possessed with a morbid fear of not living through the ordeal ahead. When the time drew near for me to leave my room, I informed my surgeon of being afraid to go. Six weeks later the operation was performed. I came through successfully. However, due to the effect on the heart, I could use only a small amount of narcotics necessary for pain.

Late evening, a few days after the surgery, my daughter and her husband were visiting me. I was as much awake as I have ever been. There appeared to me a show of little angels and I began experiencing a happy feeling which I cannot describe. To say it was glorious, marvelous, or wonderful would be so inadequate. Heavenly ecstasy cannot be described by earthly words.

Was this a glimpse of the other side? If so, what shall it be in its entirety! As I thought I might be about to depart this earthly life, I willed my mind away from this scene. Is this what the soul experiences when it moves from the body? If so, I would say to those prepared for the journey, "Be not afraid." I know there are those who are sceptical concerning related experiences of this nature, but to some it substantiates hope of life beyond the grave and relinquishes doubt of a vast unknown. I would that others might catch this exceeding glimpse.

I, along with a congregation, caught another glimpse a few weeks ago, when a vis-

Names In The News

Dr. J. S. Riser of Jackson is interim pastor at First Church, Greenwood.

Ted Beverly, son of Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Beverly of Woodville, and student at William Carey College, has been called by First Church, Columbia, as church organist and director of Primary and Beginner Chords. Dr. Howard Aultman is pastor.

Miss Janice Robinson, a home economics teacher, and new missionary journeyman, may be addressed at Baptist Women's College, Box 84, Abeokuta, Nigeria, West Africa. A native of Ellisville, Miss., she is a 1965 graduate of Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus.

Mrs. Charles Reid Horton, mother of Miss Frances Horton, missionary to Japan, died August 9 in Pensacola, Fla. Miss Horton may be addressed at 352 2-chome, Nishi Okubo, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

David Lee Carlisle, son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Carlisle, Jr., missionaries to Uruguay, married Miss Sandra Kay Patterson on September 4 in Brownwood, Tex. His parents, on furlough in the States, may be addressed at P. O. Box 525, Morton, Miss., 39117. Missionary Carlisle was born in Wesson, Miss.; Mrs. Carlisle, the former Ruth Newport, was born in Shawnee, Okla., and lived in Carlisle, Ark., while growing up. When they were appointed missionaries in 1940 he was pastor of Springhill Church, Martinsville, Miss.

Mrs. A. J. Terry, 78, emeritus missionary to Brazil, died Sunday, September 12, at the home of her son, Dr. D. B. Terry, in Homerville, Ga. The former Lula Sparkman, daughter of a Baptist minister, Mrs. Terry was born in Wauchula, Fla., and spent her childhood in Florida towns where her father had pastored. She attended Stetson University Academy, De Land, Fla., and graduated from Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), Louisville, Ky., with the bachelor of missionary training degree in 1910. The following year she married Mr. Terry, and early in 1912 they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board. After initial

language study in Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, they went to Teresina, in the state of Piaul, to do evangelistic work.

Dr. R. H. Falwell has been transferred from the Sunday School Board's Education Division office to the Board's Student Department as Director of the Program Section.

Townsend Resigns Oakland Grove

Rev. David E. Townsend, pastor of Oakland Grove Church, Jones County, since June, 1963, has resigned to accept a call to Bethany Church, Lauderdale County.

Under Townsend's leadership, the church has shown remarkable progress, recording 36 additions, including 18 professions of faith. The congregation brick-veneered and air-conditioned of auditorium, remodeled and extended the education building, and painted and paneled the parlor. The new education extension provided four additional Sunday school rooms and an office.

Construction of a kitchen and social hall, landscaping the church grounds, establishing a church library, organizing Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, G.A., R.A., and Sunbeams—these also were notable accomplishments.

Since 1963, the church budget has grown from less than \$5,000 to above \$7,000, with five per cent now marked for home and foreign missions. The library already contains over 200 books.

Churches In The News

Elaine Church, Jackson, has had sixteen additions in six Sundays; nine for baptism and seven by letter, and two rededications. On Sunday night, September 5, a Coronation was held for the Girls Auxiliary. Eighteen girls were given awards. Rev. W. M. Averett is pastor.

Moselle Memorial Church ordained three deacons on September 12: R. V. Smith, Oscar Butler, and L. D. Norris. Rev. C. R. Williams, pastor of Central Church, Hattiesburg, delivered the orientation sermon. Rev. H. L. Davis is pastor. Others on program were Rev. C. R. Robinson of Shelton Church; Rev. Royford Moore of Moselle; and Rev. L. C. Stewart of Oak Grove Church.

Greenfield Church, Greenville, September 8 was the scene of a state mission program entitled, "A Tree Grows in Mississippi." The program presented scenes of the Old South as women participating wore the traditional long dresses with bonnets. Mrs. Bobbie Jackson directed the program and Mrs. Garrie Brasher and Mrs. Mary Morgan, acting prayer chairmen, assisted.

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Additions To The Church

SEPTEMBER 19, 1965		
Aberdeen, 1st	395	140
Amory, 1st	411	119
Brookhaven, 1st	701	189
Brace, 1st	353	152
Carnation	98	54
Clinton, Morrison Hgts	474	243
Concord (Noxubee)	60	25
Columbus, Fairview	264	179
Crystal Springs, 1st	536	159
Forest	400	114
Greenville, Glendale	97	44
Greenwood, North	371	113
Grenada, 1st	555	186
Gulfport, 1st	736	256
Handboro	306	101
Hattiesburg:		
38th Avenue	294	197
University	145	77
First	709	300
Central	288	183
Main St.	942	361
North Main	301	158
Southside	94	53
Luka	284	126
Jackson:		
Parkhill	200	126
West Jackson	46	20
Briarwood Drive	327	129
Woodville Hgts.	312	114
Raymond Road	95	85
Robinson Street	354	14
Midway	410	153
McLaurin Hgts.	301	158
Highland	402	218
McDowell Road	253	158
Daniel	650	185
Greenwood	389	174
Broadmoor	1420	532
Colonial Hgts.	309	106
First	1483	523
Alta Woods	1105	361
Hillcrest	652	280
Calvary	1490	564
Mission	58	44
Parkway	1004	425
Oak Forest	509	186
Southside	340	170
Woodland Hills	729	204
Magnolia Park	96	55
Kosciusko, 1st	517	131
Main	9	
Maple St.	183	71
Kosciusko, Parkway		
Laurel:		
Highland	456	160
First	497	144
Glade	207	92
Plainway	218	120
West Laurel	392	135
Wildwood	106	58
Magnolia St.	433	190
Bethlehem	211	126
Lexington, 1st	244	92
Long Beach, 1st	840	170
Mission	473	117
Lyons	30	19
Roundway Man	18	
McComb, Locust St.	197	97
McComb, South	230	58
Meridian:		
Collinsville	115	70
Calvary	493	187
Main	413	142
Fewell Survey Man	38	45
Pine Springs Man	32	
Russell	128	102
Poplar Springs Dr.	540	167
Fifteenth Avenue	405	227
Westwood	211	116
Oakland Hgts.	400	141
Monticello	172	50
Morton, 1st	207	92
Mtn. Crk. (Rankin)	76	49
New Albany, Northside	159	49
Pascagoula, 1st	741	234
Main	68	
G. C. Nursing Home	46	
Martin Bluff	244	142
Pearl (Rankin)	192	89
Pearson (Rankin)	335	109
Petal-Harvey	327	
Memorial Drive	592	163
Pleayune, 1st	589	
Mission	23	
Pontotoc, 1st	396	160
Purvis, 1st	304	107
Raleigh, First	182	105
Ripley, First	307	92
Rosedale, First	173	68
Ruth	86	45
Sandersville	225	104
Soso, First	106	57
Springfield (Scott)	106	57
Starkville, First	1071	441
Tupelo, Calvary	342	114
Tupelo, East Hgts.	390	139
Tupelo, W. Jackson St.	238	99
Vicksburg, Bowmar Av.	424	174
West Point, First	516	183

MISS JOSEPHINE SCAGGS (left), missionary on furlough from Nigeria, counsels a young woman who made a decision for Christ during the Foreign Mission Conference at Gorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly, August 19-25. A total of 128 persons recorded decisions during the week. Registration for the Conference reached a record 2,294.



J. B. McElroy



Mrs. J. B. McElroy

McElroys Join Clarke Faculty

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. ("Bud") McElroy have been added to the faculty of the music department of Clarke College.

Mr. McElroy was with the College in the 1964-65 session on a part time basis, while serving as director of music with the South Side Church, Meridian.

Mr. McElroy attended Clarke College and received a B. A. degree from Mississippi College. He also holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Church Music from the New Orleans Seminary.

Mrs. McElroy attended Clarke College one year, received her B. A. degree in Education and Master's degree in History from Mississippi College. She has done graduate work in music in Tulane University, Livingston State College, Alabama, and the University of Southern Mississippi, has taught public school music in Meridian, and has served as choral director in Meridian and New Orleans.

Mr. McElroy will teach voice and conduct the choruses. Mrs. McElroy will teach piano, including both private pupils and class piano.

Looking For Fight Man Finds Christ

"There was this fellow, see, that I wanted to have a fight with, and I figured the best place to look for him was in the pool hall. But when I got there, all these people were listening to a fellow talk about Jesus and love, and peace of mind and freedom from sin. And I forgot about fighting because this was what I had been looking for."

So spoke Ernesto, a young man who had wandered into a Baptist service in Manizales, Colombia. The building in which the service was held had been "feverishly remodeled" from pool hall to auditorium by local Baptists just in time for the opening of an evangelistic campaign, reports Mrs. J. Thomas Norman, Southern Baptist missionary.

The young man who "forgot about fighting" came back each night of the campaign, bringing others with him. "He wants to know his Bible, change his life completely and win his brothers and then his friends to Christ," says Mrs. Norman. "We haven't had time to teach him that he ought to desire to do these things; he wants to do them because the Holy Spirit is working in his life."

Ernesto is one of 24 persons who made professions of faith in Christ during the evangelistic campaign in Manizales. Colombian Baptists this year are holding such campaigns simultaneously by regions throughout the country.

The 523,000 members of overseas Baptist churches and chapels depend on Cooperative Program giving to help them increase their number.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON— Growing In Christian Love

By Clifton J. Allen
1 John 4:7-21

Love is supreme among all Christian virtues. It is the expression of faith which makes one most akin to God, for God is love. It follows therefore that growth in Christian love may well be one of the highest aspirations of the Christian. The constant practice of love, according to the pattern of Christ, is the surest test and best evidence of Christian maturity. Our relationship with Christ, with other persons, and with ourselves ought all to be determined by the love we have experienced in the grace of God. We are to study a familiar passage from 1 John, a letter written to the early Christians to help them test the certainty and meaning and practice of their union with God in Christ. This lesson should be a spiritual climax for our unit of studies related to Christian growth.

The Lesson Explained LOVE IS FROM GOD

The source of love is God. This truth is stated repeatedly in our lesson passage; it is central in the whole gospel of Christ. John declares that "God is love"—the best definition we have of the nature and disposition of God. Love is the expression of God's attitude toward and compassion for the whole world. His love called for a supreme manifestation. He therefore "sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." It was not love or merit on our part, but rather his immeasurable compassion and infinite grace toward us in sin. God "sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

On this basis, we begin to understand the nature and meaning of love, as well as the source of love. Love is

characteristic of God; it is the very essence of his life. Love reaches out to encompass the unlovely and rebellious. Love is self-giving, self-sacrificing. Love seeks to propitiate or to make atonement for the guilt of wrongdoers. Love is reconciling and forgiving. Because love is from God, "every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."

WE LIVE IN GOD: WE LIVE IN LOVE

Christian love becomes a reality in the Christian because of the indwelling presence of God. To be in God is to be in love, to experience the power of love, and to have desire and capacity to practice love. The person who is not a Christian cannot practice the agape kind of love. The person who is a Christian ought to find it natural to practice this kind of love and is under obligation to do so.

John declared that we know that we live in God because his Spirit has been given to us. We have thus been led to confess Jesus Christ as the Son of God and as our Saviour from sin. Our response to the love of God should eliminate fear from our hearts. There is no need to be afraid if we understand the nature of God as love and if we have experienced his redeeming grace.

WE OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

The experience of God's grace places every Christian under the obligation to love other persons. This relates, first of all, to Christians loving one another, in the fellowship of the faith. But the obligation of the Christian to love other persons extends beyond the Christian community. If we have become genuine partakers of the love of God, our hearts will reach out with respect and com-

passion and active good will toward every other person, regardless of his race, his attitude toward us, or his social status and situation. The nature of Christian love is inclusive of all persons, the lovely and the unlovely. It is kind and forgiving. It is reconciling and self-sacrificing. Therefore, love breaks down animosities and makes hate impossible. John's language could not be clearer. The commandment binding upon all Christians is the practice of love toward other persons for Christ's sake.

Truths to Live By

We learn the meaning of love from Christ. — God in Christ — that is perfect love. Look at Christ in the days of his flesh. He showed respect for all persons, irrespective of their status or race or attitude toward him. He showed compassion for persons in sickness and sorrow and sin, and he poured out his energies in ministering to them. He showed the quality of love by indifference to insult and malice and hate. He showed the ways of love by kindness and forgiveness and service. He showed love in its absolute and ultimate sense by his self-sacrifice on the cross to redeem and reconcile all persons estranged from him and to make available to them the blessing of salvation and the hope of eternal life. Love means giving one's best for others to become their best in the purpose of God.

Growth in love can be cultivated.—The love in the heart of Christians is more a potential virtue than a realized attitude. This makes the cultivation of love imperative. Such cultivation comes through a creative fellowship with Christ in prayer, through determined effort with the help of the Holy Spirit to overcome prejudices and animosities, and through active expressions of love in terms of offering forgiveness and expressing kindness and doing deeds of mercy. Love can be cultivated by fellowship in Christian worship and partnership in Christian work. Love can be cultivated best of all by keeping at the center of one's spiritual vision the cross of Christ; remembering that "if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." For his sake, we love other persons that they may know the forgiveness and strength and peace of his love.



Rev. Donald H. Holton

1st, Purvis Calls Associate Pastor

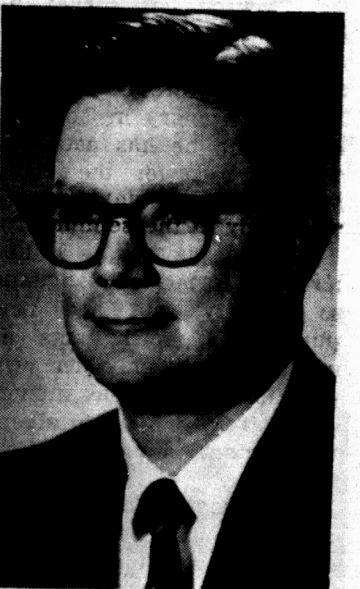
Rev. Donald H. Holton has been called as new associate pastor of First Church, Purvis.

Mr. Holton moved from First Church, Brookhaven, where he served as minister of education. He is a native of Florida, a graduate of Baylor University and has done graduate work at L.S.U. and two years work toward a degree at New Orleans Seminary.

Widely experienced in many areas of Baptist life, he has served as minister of music and education in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Louisiana; as an officer on the associational level in Sunday school and Training Union; as the vice-president of the Tennessee Sunday School Convention; as a student home missionary to Kansas; and has written numerous articles for the *Brotherhood Journal*, *Ambassador Life*, and *Training Union Magazine*.

He is married to the former Julia Mae Martin of Meridian, a graduate of Blue Mountain College. They have two children, Ron, 4, and Rhonda, 16 months.

Rev. Warren Langworthy is pastor of First, Purvis.



NASHVILLE — Earl Lee Murphy, manager of the Baptist Film Center in Louisville since 1963, will be transferred Oct. 1 to the Sunday School Board's Broadman Films Department as an audio-visual education consultant.

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Mission Of Every Church

By George Euting

Missions is not a choice for a church. It is the very condition for its life. Missions is more than a church program or a financial obligation in the budget. Every church would have a mission responsibility regardless of economic or social conditions.

The mission of every church is to make God known and served by all men. Matthew 28:18-20 is the Scriptural basis. All that a church does to accomplish this mission is called missions.

A church under the lordship of Jesus Christ finds its scope of work is unbound by world geography. It's true that a church Jesus is building cannot rest with a peaceful conscience until every area of the world has been penetrated with the gospel. Yet this is not enough.

The word "nations" (Matthew 28:20) is more properly interpreted "ethnic" which means "people." The mission of a church is to people, all kinds of people.

A burgeoning community and world create many problems for today's churches. The need for leaders, workers, building sites, proper planning, and the initiation of the work is critical in communities. Yet churches must solve these problems.

On the world scene the population is soaring. A United Nations study shows the world currently adding 45 to 55 million people a year. This is like adding a country the size of France each year.

By the end of this century more people will be living in China and India than now live in the entire world. Every church is responsible for witnessing to these people.

But if Southern Baptists had the resources, there would still be problems.

Missionaries from one country to another country are often seen as invaders. The cry is being raised, "Missionary go home!"

Nationalism — the loyalty and love to one's nation — often hinders mission work. People find it difficult to separate culture from religion or government from personal faith.

Russian Baptists attending

the Baptist World Congress drew questions and raised eyebrows from some fellow Baptists. It was hard for these questioning Baptists to believe that anyone living in Communist Russia could be faithful followers of Christ.

The situation in reverse is also a problem. When Baptists from churches in America go to Africa or South America, people cannot transfer their prejudice against the American way of life from the Christian witness.

Prejudice wears many masks. Some Southern Baptists churches are hindered in their work by a prejudice against all mission work. This prejudice hides behind the mask that says, "We got enough work to do at home."

Then there is the mask of accommodated love. Some people are loved for Jesus' sake; other people are despised because they are of a different nationality or economic class. They are much like the Scripture passage, "The Jews have no dealing with the Samaritans."

Fear sometimes paralyzes the missions potential of churches. There is a fear of losing "good paying" church members by starting another church. Other times church members fear personal involvement in mission work and thus refrain from ministering to the needs of others.

Perhaps no fear is more evident than the "fear of change." Witnessing to all people could mean changing the complexion of church membership.

A church can carry out its mission despite these problems. But it demands commitment to an understanding of the problems, plus prayer, study, and good use of resources.

Many churches have failed because they didn't see the value of a world mission concept among their men. Other churches have had a missions awakening through the organization of a Brotherhood.

A church of Jesus Christ grows on challenges. Missions in this century is such a challenge. But a church will need all of its resources, particularly its men, if the challenge is met.

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12 MISSIONARY APPOINTEES TO STUDY IN COSTA RICA

Twelve Southern Baptist missionary appointees were scheduled to leave the States August 27 for San Jose, Costa Rica, where they will study the Spanish language for a year before beginning assignments in various Latin-American countries.

Eight were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in March, 1965. They are Rev. and Mrs. Doyle L. Bailey, for Argentina; Rev. and Mrs. Norman R. Beckham, for Venezuela; Rev. and Mrs. Robert C. Fricke, for Mexico; and Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Potter, for the Dominican Republic.

Two, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas E. Ratcliff, were appointed in July, 1965, for the Dominican Republic; and two, Dr. and Mrs. Russell A. Patrick, were appointed in May, 1965, for Colombia.

Mr. Bailey, former pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, Linville, La., and Mrs. Bailey, Louisiana natives, grew up in Shreveport, although he was born in Simsboro and she, the former Barbara Parsons, was born in Natchitoches.

Mr. Beckham, former pastor of Clearmont (Mo.) Baptist Church, was born in Salinas, Calif., and lived in Westville and Okmulgee, Okla., and Independence, Mo., while growing up; Mrs. Beckham, the former Donna Matthews, was born in Nashville, Tenn., and grew up in Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Fricke, former director of Spanish missions in Miami, Fla., is a native of Fort Worth, Tex.; Mrs. Fricke the former Anne Chambers, is a native of Haleyville, Ala. (She spent her childhood in various towns where her father, a Baptist minister, had pastorates.)

Mr. Potter, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris, Mo., and Mrs. Potter, the former Nancy Roper, are natives of Missouri. He was born and reared in Marshfield, where she lived while growing up. (She was born in near-by Springfield.)

Mr. Ratcliff, former pastor

of Glenwood (Wash.) Baptist Church, and Mrs. Ratcliff are Texans. He is a native of Tyler County and she, the former Josie Slaughter, is a native of Karnack.

Dr. Patrick, former Bible teacher for the Baptist Student Union at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, and Mrs. Patrick are natives of Missouri. He was born in Jennings and lived in Florissant and Ferguson while growing up; she, the former Nancy Lemmons, was born and reared in St. Louis.

All six couples may be addressed at Apartado 4035, San Jose, Costa Rica.

New Broadman Films Available

NASHVILLE — Three new films relating to the 1965-66 denominational emphasis on proclamation and witness have been produced by the Sunday School Board's Broadman Films Department.

Available Sept. 30 will be "Environment for Christian Living," "Proclamation Through Witnessing" and "Proclamation Through Christian Living." Each is a 15-minute color film.

BSSB Adds Worker

NASHVILLE — Mrs. Nancy Lee Bagby of Dallas was recently named a manuscript editor in the Broadman Books Department of the Sunday School Board.

Yugoslavia

Eighteen young people made initial professions of faith in Christ at evangelistic services in three camps sponsored recently by Yugoslav Baptists. A total of 120 persons, largely young people and children, took part in the three camps held in the woods near Pomer on the northern Adriatic coast. Interest in the camps is growing, according to Franjo Klem, of Rieka, youth secretary for Yugoslav Baptists.



MR. AND MRS. HAROLD SNUGGS, retired missionaries from China, are the first South Carolinians to participate in financing the commercial motion picture "Bill Wallace of China." The couple purchased a \$1000.00 certificate which will render a 7% interest per annum on or before 1970. Bill Wallace lived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Snuggs in Canton, China, during the time he attended language school.



NEW SALEM CHURCH, Franklin County, recently burned "he note on their education unit. The structure is two-story, with six classrooms, pastor's study, two restrooms, and closet space. The church is now repainting the entire building. Aubrey Arnold, chairman of the Building Committee, is shown holding the note as Rev. Wiley Reid, pastor, burns it. Other members of the Building Committee and the congregation look on.

DEVOTIONAL—

"Who Am I?"

By Rev. George H. Douglas, Jr., Pastor, Tunica Church

"Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?"

"He saith unto them, but who say ye that I am?"

Matt. 16:13 & 15

Jesus had been teaching, preaching, and healing in fulfilling His ministry. Now He is seeking to find out how successful His ministry has been. Jesus asked, "Who Am I?"

Some of the people acknowledge Jesus as a prophet. In doing so, they felt that Jesus was in contact with God and that He spoke the will of God unto the people. The prophet was not only a foreteller, but was also a forth-teller. In this answer Jesus was able to determine that these people had recognized His divine teaching and power. However, He recognized that they had failed to see His true nature and unique relationship with God.

There are people today who acknowledge Jesus as a good man but no more. This certainly falls short of personal knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Jesus turned to the disciples and asked this pointed question, "Who am I?" Peter answering for the group said that He was the Christ (Anointed One) the Son of God, the living one. We, too, must recognize that Jesus is the Son of God come to deliver us from our sin and give unto us that quality of life that God has.

In answering the question about who Jesus is, we also answer the question about who we are. Barnette in his "Introduction to Communism" states, "In the Marxist view, man is a producing animal. Animals merely use nature; man masters it. Adopting Benjamin Franklin's famous definition of man as 'a tool-making animal,' the Communist declares that this is what makes the difference between a man and an animal. Thus man has no metaphysical or religious basis. He is purely material, a part of nature. Even his mind is simply the highest product of matter. Mind, therefore, is merely the reflection of the material."

Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Saviour of man, proclaims and demonstrates that man is God's creation and the object of God's love.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Eastport Church, Belmont: August 8-13; Rev. C. M. Day of Clinton, evangelist; Rev. George D. Credille, pastor. Pastor Credille reports, "Though we did not have any conversions or additions, we experienced one of the best revivals in recent years. I personally recommend Brother Day to any church in need of an evangelist, interim pastor, or supply preacher. He is a true, faithful servant of the most High God. He does not know I am writing this, but I felt led of the Lord to do so." Mr. Day retired this year from his position as Director of Temperance Work, of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Friendship (Jones): August

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W. N. John-

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tured), pastor

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Church, evan-

gelist; George

Maddox, Riv-

er Avenue

Church, song

leader; Rev.

Johnny Johnson, interim

pastor; 48 rededications.

Glendale, Greenville: Sep-

tember 5-12; Rev. James

Yates, First Church, Yazoo

City, evangelist; Rev. Doug-

las Chatham, pastor; six for

baptism; seven by letter; six

rededications.

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measure of love that we give.

—John B. Falconer, pastor in

Monrovia, Liberia.



Rev. Don Nerren
New Zion Church
Calls Preacher

Rev. Don Nerren has accepted the pastorate of New Zion Church in Simpson County, where he began his duties on September 5.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nerren, Jr., of Tupelo, he is a student at Mississippi College. He is married to the former Linda Sue Cauthen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Cauthen of Collins.

Mr. Nerren was licensed and ordained by Harrisburg Church, Tupelo.



MISS JOE ANN SHELTON, the internationally known soloist, director, and sacred music personality, joined the staff of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, September 13 as director of program music. Miss Shelton has been associated with the Commission since 1955. During that time she was appointed associate professor of voice at Southwestern Seminary and continued to serve the Commission part-time. She has resigned her position with the seminary.



AMONG THOSE attending the BSU retreat were, from left, front row: Steve Greenhaw, Wheeler, BSU president; Emily Jane Cross, Falkner, state Dairy Princess; Gary Ballard, Booneville, student government president; and (back row) C. Wayne Neal, BSU Director, Northeast Junior College; Travis Beard, New Albany; John Willbourn, Madisonville, Kentucky; Danny McClung, Tishomingo, all-state basketballer of Northeast; and Ken Sheppard, Associate Pastor, First Church, Andalusia, Alabama, the keynote speaker.

Northeast Students Attend Retreat

Thirty-five persons from Northeast Junior College attended the BSU post-school retreat Chickasaw State Park in Tennessee Sept. 10-12.

Theme for the retreat was "Communication - Consecration - Commitment." Ken Sheppard, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Andalusia, Alabama was the featured speaker and in the September 10th session Rev. Ralph B. Winders, State Stu-

dent Director, challenged the BSUers of Northeast to produce quantity in the BSU program by quality.

Rev. Billy Langley, First Baptist Church, Wheeler, is the pastor-advisor of the Baptist Student Union, a student missions project of the northeast Mississippi Baptist churches. Rev. C. Wayne Neal is the BSU Director at Northeast.

Olander To Speak At Providence On 50th Anniversary Of Ministry

September 26 will be homecoming day at Providence, Yazoo County, with morning and afternoon services and lunch at the church.

Rev. C. J. Olander of Tehula will be featured speaker. Mr. Olander will be commemorating his fiftieth year as a preacher. He began his ministry at Providence Church.

Rev. Robert I. Martin is present Providence pastor.

IF EVERY BAPTIST TITHED

By Martin B. Bradley
Secretary, Research and
Statistics, BSSB

Dare we even express the words, "If every Baptist tithed," much less hope for such to be true? Yes, if we understand what it really means.

Literally, the floodgates of God's blessings would be thrown open if every Baptist in our Convention fellowship tithed. Evidence indicates that tithing can serve either as a cause or as an effect. Often, tithing on the part of an individual leads to a later depth of development of Christian virtue and service. On the other hand, it often is the outgrowth of considerable prior Christian growth. Regardless of tithing's place in the sequence of Christian development, it usually is accompanied by action and noble results in the life of a person and the church or fellowship of which he is a part.

One almost trembles at the tremendous responsibility, humbly speaking, which would be faced by churches, associations, state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies if every Southern Baptist tithed! The high level of Christian discipleship either preceding or following the universal practice of tithing would mean an abundance of leaders in every phase of a church's ministry. These added multitudes of dedicated leaders would be needed, moreover, because of increased activity and participation of the more than ten and one-third million church members! Greatly expanded facilities and more buildings would be a necessity. No longer would auditoriums build to seat one-third or one-half of a church's members be adequate!

More pastors and other persons would be "called out" and needed... for the task of shepherding and ministering to the enlarged and aroused host of Baptists. Less time, however, would be needed by these pastors to counsel with members about broken homes, persons involved in mixed marriages, juvenile delinquents, or alcoholic members. Indeed, such tragedies would be a mini-

mum among the redeemed fellowship of Baptists made strong in growth related to tithing!

Not \$375 million, but nearly \$2 billion, would be available each year for the extension of God's kingdom if tithing prevailed! Think of the telling influence of thousands of additional missionaries among the people in spiritual darkness. And these missionaries would be available, without pressure being exerted, as a natural outflow of Baptist renewal and dedication, if all tithed. Radical new means of worldwide witnessing, dreamed of but unrealizable at present, could be projected with great effectiveness. Countless hospitals and literacy centers could be added each year in strategic locations of need.

For the first time our Convention could begin supporting, and making adequate, a program of Christian education not possible at the present level of financial stewardship. More Baptist young people could be trained for life vocations in more Baptist colleges and universities which would be both thoroughly Christian in operation and academically superior.

Let us not idly entertain the proposition, "if every Baptist tithed." Instead, let us courageously and surely grasp its implications, and lay hold on the riches of God inherent in it's becoming a reality.

Arizona Ups Share Of Income for SBC

PHOENIX (BP)—The tentative Cooperative Program 1966 budget for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention provides for 21 per cent to be sent on to support work of the Southern Baptist Convention nationally and worldwide.

As passed by the state convention executive board here, the 1966 budget through Cooperative Program receipts from churches is \$388,000. In 1965, the Arizona Convention has been sending 20 per cent of its Cooperative Program receipts to the SBC. This means an increase in the percentage to the SBC next year.



COFFEEHOUSE — "Inn of the Fisherman" is a coffeehouse operated at the Baptist Student Center in Little Rock, Ark. Purpose of the coffeehouse is to provide a setting for students to talk to each other about their beliefs. Entertainment is furnished by singers and readers who drop in to offer their talents. (BP) Photo courtesy Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

InnOfTheFisherman

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A little folk singing, some poetry reading, hot coffee and a seashell full of peanuts if you wish, all in a dimly-lighted atmosphere with a sea-side motif — what could be more relaxing?

One can find such an atmosphere at "The Inn of the Fisherman," a coffeehouse operated by the Baptist Student Union at the BSU center at 323 S. Elm, Little Rock.

A brainchild of Tom Logue, state BSU secretary and Kathy Layman, summer missionary from Springdale, Ark., the coffeehouse has been in operation every Friday and Saturday night since mid-June.

The philosophy or idea behind such a Christian coffee-

house, as compared with those of a more commercial nature, is to give college students a chance to communicate with students of other races and religions. There is no hymn singing, preaching, or even testimonials, but the atmosphere is a very subtle approach to any kind of gospel.

Entertainers are those singers and readers who just enjoy coming and drop in to offer their services. No talent has ever been actually lined up except during the first weekend of operation.

Summer missionaries that work in various Little Rock churches as well as a few "regulars" work as waiters and greet guests.

The Inn of the Fisherman, which takes its name from the ancient practice of many

diverse religious groups using a fish to symbolize Christianity, is one of the few Baptists-operated coffeehouses in the Southern Baptist Convention, but other denominations have them. Many of these coffeehouses are criticized as avoiding evangelism rather than actually accomplishing anything.

"The 'evangelism' comes through communications friendship and a sharing of beliefs and views," answers Miss Layman. "We're not trying to preach but to communicate with people from all walks of life."

Religion is discussed only if the guest indicates interest. The only direct stimulation is the lone tract with a small gospel message, written in the idiom of contemporary Americans, which is placed on each table.

The coffeehouse allows freedom of expression in several different ways: through the performing acts, simple conversation, and even in art display. Already lining the walls are various paintings contributed by Mrs. D. K. Lindsey, a local artist, and visitors to the coffeehouse are urged to display their own works.

So far, the coffeehouse has had crowds as large as 75 and never a crowd smaller than 20-25. While the large crowds are pleasing, those most interested in the effect of the project report better communication and response to entertainers among smaller groups.

Who comes? Guests are mainly college students home for the summer, medical school students, and out-of-town students working in the city. Many Baptist young people attend, but, satisfyingly, many students of other faiths attend also. One of the regular performers is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Both Logue and Miss Layman feel that the coffeehouse has been successful and hope to continue it throughout the winter months.

"This is definitely doing something," Miss Layman emphasized. "We're broadening friendships as well as accomplishing the communication ideal."

"The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none." —Pearson Bulletin.